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## Editorial

*So here's to the nights that are spent in camp  
With the sky for a roof and the moon for a lamp  
For the talk by the fire while the nightjars call,  
And the sweet sound sleep at the end of it all.*

GREVILLE E. MATHESON.

JUNE will soon be with us again, and as soon as the final exam papers have been written, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers will be looking forward to the grand adventure of summer camp. Scouters too, will be anxious to take their boys back to nature, where the many Scouting skills that have been learned may be put into action, as a daily way of life. As programmes are being drawn up, may we suggest that at the bottom of each daily schedule you write the word, "Happifying". It is another of those words coined by our founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and, although it is not in common use in our generation, there can be no doubt of its meaning.

Throughout his experience in developing the Scout game, the Founder discovered the need for "Happifying" in regular programmes developed for boys. At no other time is this more important than when programmes for camp are being planned. We all know that the skills and techniques of Scouting can be taught through the play method and the result of such a system is that the boys have fun learning. There is nothing, for example, quite like the expression on a Cub's face when he discovers that he has passed his skipping test by being a member of a team in a skipping relay. If on the other hand he has to spend a great deal of time practicing in his Lair, the whole thing sours quickly and very often he will never learn to skip at all. Similar examples could be given for Scouts and Rovers but the point remains the same—the Scouter must be prepared at all times to inject a

happy note into each programme.

In preparing for camp we should remind ourselves that, although Scout camping is not designed to be an aimless vacation, it must contain the thread of "happifying" throughout the entire fabric of the programme. There is a great deal to be learned by both Scouts and Leaders at camp but surely this can be accomplished in the spirit of a happy game. We have visited camps where the Scouts had so many things to do in a day that they had no time to themselves whatever until after lights-out. This is surely a misconception of Scout camping. Then there is the equally dangerous opposite when, through lack of foresight, a weak programme has been prepared and the Scouts have little or no planned activity. The Camp Survey conducted last year clearly indicated that boys know what Scout camping should be like and if they are invited to participate in the planning stage, their contributions could help ensure a "happifying" summer.

There is no substitute for the Troop Camp and the opportunities it provides for Scouters to really know their boys. Under camp conditions the boy's true character comes to the surface and a Scouter by his example and training, can mould this future Canadian citizen. It is one time in a man's life that he never forgets and the training received in Camp has contributed to the saving or re-direction of many lives. It is our Golden Opportunity and we should do everything possible to make it possible for our young men to receive this sort of real Scout training that they want and need.

## The Sign Post

### INVISIBLE COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Scoutmaster, when did you last see your District Commissioner?

### OVERORGANIZATION

I hope all District Commissioners and other District officials will consider carefully the dangers of overorganization. If we are to be weighted down with too many Committees, too many meetings, and too many records, we will cease to be a Movement and will become nothing but an organization composed of a series of Committees. Beware of this, and from time to time examine and, if necessary, overhaul your own organization. Simplicity should be the keynote—the welfare of the units and boys, the intention.

### THE ONE-MAN BAND

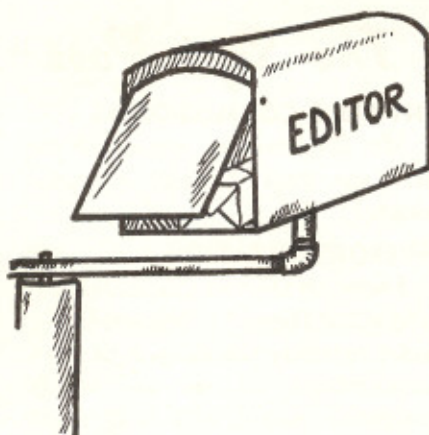
He is the Scouter who is perhaps one of the greatest of all menaces to Scouting. He drives away those who would willingly co-operate with him, and endangers the continued life of the Group should he for some reason or another be removed. Beware of the one-man band!

### DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S STAFF

Have you, Mr. Commissioner, a pool of experienced Scouters upon whom you can call for help from time to time? Have you a team of experienced trouble-shooters to help out in an emergency? District Commissioners would be well advised to develop a team of trained Scouters who can temporarily take over Groups who find themselves leaderless, or who are capable of dealing with District events and activities. What a help this would be to the long-suffering Commissioner. What about you?

*J. C. Spang*

Chief Executive Commissioner.



Dear Editor:

Last night at our regular Troop meeting we had an interesting accident. This accident will probably never happen again in a thousand years. We of the Fourth Troop claim it to be another "Fourth First", Pat O'Brien is our Scoutmaster.

A few of the fellows were whooping it up at the start of the meeting so they were to be put through the mill as more or less a disciplinary measure. The fellows were all lined up and everything was progressing nicely with the deserving fellows getting paddled on the proper location; until there was a sudden jam up in the line. When the jam was untangled one of the fellows was yelling his "head off." Somehow he had gotten his nose hooked like you would a fish on the fellows belt clip ahead of him. The clip did not merely scratch his nose but it pierced right through. It bled a great deal but the doctor across the road said it was alright. How it happened no one can say but we can well imagine how he would feel being dragged about hooked on another fellow's belt.

This may or may not be of any interest but I thought you might like to know about this "Fourth First."

Yours in Scouting,  
BRUCE K. MCCOY,  
A.S.M., 4th London, Ont.

• Thanks, we can all learn from other's mistakes.

Dear Editor:

My copies of *The Scout Leader* and *The Rover Rambler* have just arrived, for which very many thanks.

I am now going to settle down and thoroughly enjoy myself by reading every word of them. As a matter of fact just before writing this letter I have been reading in your January issue "Rover Scout Ceremonies" by A. E. Paddon, which is really excellent. We have a very nice little opening Ceremony at my own old Crew Meetings, where the fellows all meet in Uniform each meeting. The Rover St. George's Sword is always used at our Investitures and so to open each meeting the Rover Leader draws the Rover Sword from its Sheath, and holding it aloft in the form of a cross, whilst all the Rovers stand, says:

"Brother Rovers, I charge you to look

upon this Sword that your minds may dwell upon a Promise made, and by this symbol sealed, and lest you be in danger of forgetfulness, renew in your minds, the spirit of your Investiture."

The sword is then placed on the Round Table and the meeting is in session.

This has gone down very well, and keeps a very good tone at our meetings. Thought you might be interested in this little bit as you have just printed that article on Rover Ceremonies.

Thanks again for the papers, Good Scouting.

Yours very sincerely,  
CYRIL G. OLIVER,  
A.C.C. Rover Scouts, Birmingham,  
18 West Pathway,  
Harborne,  
Birmingham 17, England.

• Mr. Oliver now has a regular correspondent.

Dear Sir:

In the July issue of *The Scout Leader* 1951, in the write-up about our new hall, "A Dream Come True", you stated the following i.e., "We look forward to hearing more from this group as they set their sights on Plan Achievement. With such determination as they have already shown we feel sure they will meet their targets in the blueprint for Canadian Scouting." I am pleased to say that they had their target set with such determination and achieved their crown by winning in Both Sections. Scouts and Cubs are just as determined to accomplish the same results, if not better for 1952.

I remain,  
Scoutingly,  
W. E. PAULTER,  
Chairman,  
The Boy Scouts Association,  
2nd Preston St. Clements Group.

• Congratulations to the 2nd Preston and all others who won the 1951 Plan Achievement Award. Again we say we hope to hear more from this Group.

Dear Sir:

I have noticed at different times a general call for Scout news for *The Scout Leader*.

I would like to know if in printing a photo you require the negative or just the print.

Are the prints returned to the senders? I find *The Scout Leader* a very good source of information and a book of good reading at anytime.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly,  
J. MERLIN MOORE,  
5th Truro Cub Pack,  
121 Smith Ave.,  
Truro, N.S.

• To answer Mr. Moore's question and for everyone's information: 1. We require a glossy print—preferably 4" x 5" or larger. 2. Prints will be returned if requested. 3. We are anxious to see as many prints and comments from readers as possible. How about writing the Editor a letter today?

Dear Sir:

Our Troop would like to pass on a suggestion that might be of benefit to other Troops.

We have adopted a rule that all Scouts wishing to go before the Badge Examiner, must demonstrate the desired badge to the rest of his Troop.

This has a three fold advantage. First, the boy gets practice instructing before others. Second the others in the Troop receive help on the same badge and third, the Scoutmaster feels better about signing his approval on badge certificate.

I have received many useful hints and suggestions from reading *The Scout Leader* and hope someone finds this one from our Troop helpful.

Yours in Scouting,  
SAUNDERS A. GIBERSON,  
Box 170,  
Marysville, N.B.

Dear Sir:

We thought it might be of interest to you to know that we have a Troop of Boy Scouts—the 1st Happy Valley Troop—which was started here in 1949.

We have 21 boys, who are being trained by a Scoutmaster and three Assistants.

It is hoped that a Scout Hall will be built during the year, the foundation of which has already been laid. It will be built of logs and these have already been cut, hauled and peeled, this having been done by some of the Scouts with the help of friends. Several donations have also been given towards the building and as soon as the snow has disappeared, work will be continued.

Our Scouts attend quite regularly and several of them have earned Proficiency Badges and are working for more.

The meetings are held in one of the schoolrooms but as the days lengthen, some part of their evenings will be spent out-of-doors.

With the best wishes for Scouting,

Yours sincerely,  
THORWALD PERRAULT,  
Scoutmaster,  
1st Happy Valley Troop,  
Labrador.

• It's nice to hear from our far flung Groups like the Happy Valley Troop and we hope you will write often.

Dear Editor:

I find your *Junior Leader* Magazine is an ideal magazine for my Troop Leaders and Patrol Leaders. They like the material you put in this great magazine, it is a great advantage to them because they like to know what other Troops are doing and their activities throughout our great Brotherhood of Boy Scouts.

Good luck in your good work.

Yours in Scouting,  
BOB DAVIS,  
Scoutmaster,  
33rd Toronto Troop.

• Thanks Scouter Davis, *The Junior Leader* is designed for Troop and Patrol Leaders throughout Canada and we do hope they will continue to enjoy it.

## A New World to Discover

By KENNETH E. KIDD

Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology

EVERYONE, and particularly every boy, likes to explore. Exploring brings a unique kind of thrill, the feeling that one is discovering new facts, perhaps adding some item of useful knowledge, or seeing what has never been seen before. In the days of the Great Discoverers, men like Drake, Champlain and Magellan must have experienced these thrills to the full when they beached on new lands, met men and women not previously known to Europeans, and for the first time saw new plants, new birds, new animals and new products.

Nowadays, one cannot sail away to discover new lands or to visit people not previously known to us. Our world has been pretty well explored as far as geography is concerned, and since this is so, we frequently think that there is nothing more to find. As a matter of fact, this is a great error indeed for there is still more that is unknown in this old world of ours. True, it is often more difficult to make our discoveries than it used to be, and we have to be very much on the watch for opportunities. But the opportunities are all around us if we only have the eyes to see them.

If we cannot now board a great sailing ship and sail away to discover new people, we can at least look about us and learn how the ancient inhabitants of our own country lived. Very often we need go no further than the back fields of the farm, or the outskirts of the town to find a camp site of the first Canadians—the Indians. Opportunities for discovering such places lie everywhere around us, from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the International Boundary to the Arctic Ocean, with the possible exception of the great region around Hudson's Bay which has never been well populated. Still, even there, a few sites may be found with diligent work. The most rewarding places to look would be along the coasts of the Maritime Provinces, the banks of the St. Lawrence, most of Southern Ontario (and particularly the Georgian Bay region), the southern prairies and the coastal parts of British Columbia. Where the Indians have always been nomadic, as in the deep forest, and the northland, their camps are most easily found along the great travel routes, such as the rivers and lakes,

or on level land. On the prairies, of course, the Indians could travel in almost any direction, and it is a little more difficult to find their sites as a result. However, since water was always necessary, situations near streams, lakes or even sloughs are more promising than drier regions. Wherever the Indians practiced gardening, as they did in Southern Ontario, one should also look for their remains where there is light soil which was easy to work and yet rich enough to grow crops. That is why the southern shores of Georgian Bay are such a happy hunting ground for the archaeologist. Besides all these places, certain others were of great importance to the Indians. Good fishing sites, particularly in British Columbia, were always occupied; places where fine stone for making arrow points and other stone tools could be obtained usually have remains of their work such as chips of flint, hammerstones and objects which were either never finished or broken in the making and were discarded.

If one knows where to look for such places, it is not at all hard to find the remains of Indian life in them. A little study of good maps is a help in locating them, but a sound first-hand knowledge of the countryside is even better—the kind of knowledge most Scouts obtain in the course of their hikes. The next requirement—after a likely location has been found—is to know what to look for. Naturally, this varies according to the mode of life of the Indians who lived in the region, but generally speaking, if the place was occupied by a camp, there will be broken stone tools lying round about, the broken bones of animals and fish which were eaten by the inhabitants and discarded and in many sites, pieces of pottery (called potsherds). On the coasts, there are many huge mounds of shell built up by the Indians who gathered clams, opened them and threw the shells away on the beach. On the prairies, rings of stone which were used to hold down the bottoms of the tipis are often clues to the sites. In some places, the Indians erected large mounds of earth, shaped like turtles, men, serpents and other forms of life. Such places are easy to find.

A Scout who finds an Indian site should report to his Scoutmaster and tell him its location. He may, if he is careful, pick up the specimens which he sees on the surface and either put them in his own collection or save them for those whose work it is to study such things. But he should never attempt to dig a site, and he should never destroy or lose what he finds on it. Instead he should leave the site as it was and notify the authorities at the nearest museum of his discovery. Only in cases where the site is already being destroyed, as sometimes happens when roads, bridges or houses are being built, should it be dug without expert assistance.

Frequently camps were small and inconspicuous, especially where the people were nomadic and stayed but a short time in one place. In forest lands, like Ontario and Quebec, leaves and soil quickly covered the evidence. Then it becomes harder to find a site. But if one is observant, knows *what* to look for, *where* to look for it, and when to look for it, he stands a good chance of being rewarded for his trouble. In parts of the country where the land is ploughed, the best time to watch is in early Spring just after the rains. At that time, arrowpoints, potsherds, shell beads, bone needles, and other equipment is washed clean of dirt and left sitting on top of the soil. The black soil—due to charcoal—which results from camp life is often a good clue to look for in a field.

Scouts will find that a hike to look for Indian sites calls for careful planning, watchfulness and alertness, and rewards them with many thrills. The first attempt may be a disappointment, but perseverance will be rewarded in the long run, and the realization that they have added something to our store of knowledge will be their satisfaction. Indeed, one of the oldest and most important sites in the New World was first discovered by Scouts and later excavated by experts. The ordinary, everyday sort of exploration can yield its satisfactions, too, for each new discovery, however small, will reward its finder with a glimpse into another world—the world of ancient human life. Like Drake and Magellan, the archaeologist-Scout who has discovered a site has pulled aside the curtain on the unknown—not very much perhaps but still a little—and revealed something of a new-old world.

# SCOUTING 1951

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

*Editor's Note:* In the following pages is a digest of the Annual Report of the Canadian General Council, adopted at the Annual General Meeting at Ottawa on April 25th. The report is addressed to His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General and Chief Scout for Canada.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting, held in the Public Schools Administration Building in Ottawa was largely attended, with every province represented. Highlighting the meeting was the election of Hon. Ray Lawson, O.B.E., LL.D., former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario as the new President, succeeding the late Rev. Canon Cody, who died the day of his re-election in 1951.

Other officers elected were:—Deputy Chief Scout, Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., Montreal; Vice-President, Mr. R. C. Stevenson, O.B.E., Montreal; Honorary Secretary, Capt. Barry German, Ottawa; Honorary Treasurer, R. D. Mulholland, Ottawa; Honorary Counsel, W. D. Watson, Q.C., Winnipeg; International Commissioner, Mr. Jackson Dodds; Chief Executive Commissioner, Major General D. C. Spry, C.B.E., D.S.O.

The Executive Committee is composed of the Provincial Presidents and Commissioners, an additional representative from each Province, elected by the Provincial Council, and 18 other members elected for three year terms by the Canadian General Council.

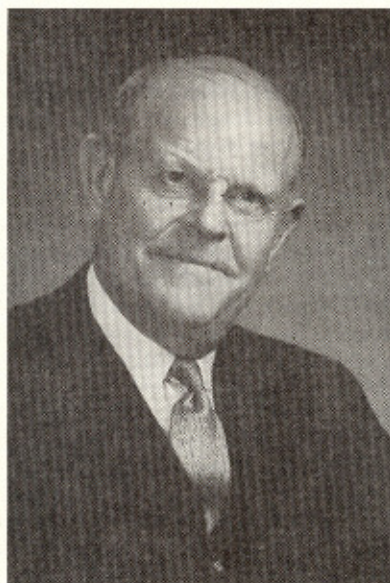
### The Report

In the opening paragraphs of the report, a welcome is extended to the new Chief Scout, and tribute paid to the retiring Chief Scout, Viscount Alexander. Tribute is also paid to the late Canon Cody for his long and distinguished service to Scouting, and to the Deputy Chief Scout, Mr. Jackson Dodds for his "inspiration and example which cannot but have played an important part in the continued progress the Association has made."

The following are some excerpts from the report:

### Honours and Awards

His Excellency the Chief Scout for Canada, made the following awards in 1951:



**The Honourable Ray Lawson, O.B.E.,** former Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, who has been appointed President of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association by the Chief Scout for Canada.

- 1 Cornwell Scout Badge for pre-eminently high character and great fortitude.
- 1 Bronze Cross (posthumous) for gallantry with special heroism.
- 5 Silver Wolves for services of exceptional character.
- 7 Silver Acorns for distinguished service.
- 4 Silver Crosses for gallantry with considerable risk.
- 5 Gilt Crosses for gallantry with lesser risk.
- 6 Certificates of Merit for Gallantry.
- 1 Medal for Meritorious Conduct.
- 2 Certificates of Meritorious Conduct.
- 18 Letters of Commendation for Meritorious Acts.
- 51 Medals of Merit for Good Services to Scouting.
- 7 Bars to the Medal of Merit for additional good services.
- 15 Certificates of Merit for good services.
- 3 Letters of Commendation for good services.
- 154 Long Service Medals.
- 90 Bars to the Long Service Medal.

### Membership

We are pleased to report a substantial increase in total membership. The figure as at December 31, 1951 stands at 128,760, reflecting an increase of 9.41% over the 1950 figure of 117,680.

It is encouraging to note that the ratio of leaders to boys is being maintained at a desirable level. Although the increase in leaders over the year is 7.11% against an increase in Boy membership of 9.65%, the ratio of boys to leaders is 9.8 to 1, which is considered satisfactory.

The total of Sea Scouts again shows a decrease of nearly 10% a situation which is causing some concern. Losses in this branch were registered in all except one of the Provinces where Sea Scout Troops are formed.

The ratio of increase in Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts, including Lone and Sea Scouts, was for the first time for some years almost equal. Wolf Cubs rose from 63,669 to 70,348, while Boy Scouts increased from 40,623 to 46,057, an increase of 10.49% and 8.42% respectively. Last year the increases were 9% and 2.6%. Rover Scouts registered an appreciable gain of 9.13% while Rover Sea Scouts reflected the drop in Sea Scouts and were down 11.95%.

Changes in total membership are listed below by Provinces.

Newfoundland	plus	547	48%
Prince Edward Is.	plus	37	3.96%
Nova Scotia	plus	641	10.64%
New Brunswick	plus	586	12.83%
Quebec	plus	835	9.35%
Ontario	plus	3,221	5.91%
Manitoba	plus	1,418	20.53%
Saskatchewan	minus	61	1.06%
Alberta	plus	1,109	14.41%
British Columbia	plus	2,399	16.61%
La Federation	plus	348	5.05%

### International Scouting

In the field of International Scouting Canada continued to play its part in 1951. Canada is a member in its own right of the International Conference, and contributes towards the upkeep of the International Bureau. The present quota paid by Canada is £4 per thousand of Scout population. This is remitted at the rate of \$4.03, which was in effect when the quota was set. Thus Canada's contribution in 1951 was \$1,896.00.

*International Conference*

Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., Deputy Chief Scout, and Mr. J. A. Walker, Q.C., of Halifax, represented Canada at the International Conference in Austria July 31 to August 2. General Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner, attended the meetings of the International Committee, of which he was then a member.

On October 1, the Director of the International Bureau, Col. J. S. Wilson, announced the appointment of Major-General D. C. Spry as Deputy Director in charge of the Western Hemisphere. General Spry, immediately the appointment was approved by the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council, resigned from the International Committee, and Mr. Dodds was named to fill out his unexpired term.

General Spry's appointment is a part time one, and he will continue to act as Chief Executive Commissioner of The Boy Scouts Association in Canada.

*Caribbean*

In the early part of 1951 Field Commissioner J. L. MacGregor of the Quebec Provincial Council was loaned to Imperial Headquarters for a training tour of the Caribbean countries which proved most successful.

*Other Activities*

Throughout the year encouragement was given to International visits between Canadian and American Scout Groups and scores of Groups near the border made friendly visits in the United States and vice versa.

Encouragement was also given to Canadian Scouts wishing to carry on correspondence with Scouts in other countries. However, it is extremely difficult to obtain sufficient correspondents to meet the demand.

Pamphlets and magazines have been sent to many National Associations where requested, and a number of these Associations have translated Canadian pamphlets into their own languages for use in their own countries.

Canadian Scouting was represented at the 9th National Training Conference of the Boy Scouts of America at East Lansing, Mich., by General Spry and Executive Commissioner Percy Brady of Windsor. General Spry also represented Canada at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Chicago.

**Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund**

Since the inauguration of this fund in January 1950, a total of \$2,369.16 has been donated by Packs, Troops and Crews in every part of Canada, plus \$675 from the special Caribbean Tent

appeal. These figures are as of December 31, 1951.

Of this sum, \$636.60 was distributed in 1950, and during the past year \$25.00 was given to the 2nd Troop at The Pas, Manitoba, to aid in the replacement of equipment lost in a fire.

Among the donations received last



Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., who was re-appointed Deputy Chief Scout for Canada for the third year by the Chief Scout.

year was one of \$75.00 which represented a repayment to the Fund by the 4th Winnipeg Group. This Group had been given \$160.00 to help in the re-establishment of the Group Hall which was badly damaged in the Winnipeg floods. The repayment was made from the proceeds of Group activities, so that others in like circumstances might benefit in the future.

The disastrous hurricanes in Jamaica in 1951 brought many new problems to the organization there, at a time when its facilities were stretched to the limit in preparations for the Caribbean Jamboree. To assist the organization in Jamaica an appeal for tents was made in Canada and \$675.00 was donated in 1951. From the Fund a total of \$993.00 was paid out for this purpose. Following the Jamboree the tents will be distributed among Associations in the West Indies to be used for training purposes. Complete details of this appeal will appear in the 1952 Annual Report.

A recapitulation of the fund from its inception to the end of 1951 follows:

Donations to Dec. 31, 1951	\$2,369.16
Caribbean Tent Appeal	675.00
Balance, Staves for Greece	
Fund	15.35
	\$3,059.51

LESS:

Paid out in 1950	\$ 636.60
Paid out in 1951	1,018.00
Balance, Dec. 31, 1951	\$1,404.91

**Plan Achievement**

Plan Achievement, a three year plan for the further development of the Movement in Canada, was launched in January, 1951. In the plan emphasis was placed on Service, Leadership and Supporters. The growth and progress of the Movement during the year does, we believe, reflect the impact of the plan at all levels. While an increased membership was not a major aim, an increase did result from the emphasis put on the development of leadership, both in the field of numbers and efficiency.

At the end of 1951, 427 Wolf Cub Packs, 280 Boy Scout Troops, 12 Rover Scout Crews and 5 Group Committees qualified for the Plan Achievement Award. This however does not reflect the full effect of the plan on Canadian Scouting. Many units found that they had set their targets too high, and while progress was made by such units, they were not able to meet the full requirements for awards. Newfoundland, still in the throes of organization, did not participate in the plan. (Since this report was prepared the figures quoted above have been considerably enlarged).

With the practical knowledge gained by the 1951 Campaign, it is fully expected that a much larger number of units will qualify for awards in 1952, and for the third and last award at the completion of the plan at the time of the Second Canadian Jamboree in July, 1953.

**First Canadian Rover Moot**

From every angle an unqualified success, Canada's first National Rover Moot was held August 31st to September 4th, at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve in Ontario. With an ideal site, sufficient variety in the weather to make the programme interesting, and an attendance of more than 500, the Moot also attracted Rovers from Cuba, Explorer Scouts from the United States and many new Canadians who had done most of their Scouting in European countries.

The Moot was honoured with the presence of His Honour, Ray Lawson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, who took the salute in the march past and gave the principal address, and Sir Ian Bolton, President of the Scottish Scout Council who was visiting former Scouts of his, now resident in this country.

The Moot was formally opened by Provincial Commissioner W. H. J. Tisdale of Ontario who was Moot Camp Chief. All but four Provinces were represented, with quite large contingents coming from Nova Scotia on the east coast and British Columbia on the west. Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland were not represented.

#### Seventh World Jamboree

Canada was represented at the Seventh World Jamboree at Bad Ischl, Austria, from August 3rd to 13th, by one Troop of 32 King's Scouts and three leaders.

The Troop was under the capable leadership of Scoutmaster David Green of Montreal (now a Field Commissioner in British Columbia), with Rev. Robert L. Rolls of Hamilton, and James K. Dryborough of Norwood Grove, Manitoba, as Assistant Scoutmasters. The contingent travelled to Europe on the S.S. *Ascania* and returned on the S.S. *Scythia*. A few of the boys remained in the United Kingdom to visit relatives after the Jamboree.

From reports received from Canadian observers, and from other sources the Canadian Contingent acquitted itself with great credit to this country. Every Province was represented on the contingent, but unfortunately there was no representation from La Federation.

#### Camping

There were 988 camps attended by 25,039 boys. This is a decrease of 12 camps and an increase of 529 campers.

A survey conducted by mail brought answers to a prepared questionnaire from 804 Scouts from coast to coast. An overall scrutiny of replies received indicated that in the Scouts' estimation, camping was, generally speaking, satisfactory, although certain weaknesses were disclosed.

















These weaknesses were comparatively few in number and in the main not too serious and can be rectified easily.

The main point learned was that the boys liked Scout camping; that they appreciated good organization and that most of them knew what a Scout camp should be like.

Interest in Winter Scouting was well maintained. It is gratifying to note that Leaders are realizing more and more the value of adventure in Scouting.

#### Civil Defence

Civil Defence Bulletin No. One, prepared in the latter part of 1950, was widely distributed throughout Canada this past year and the training ideas

SPONSORING BODY	N <sup>o</sup> OF GROUPS
<i>Community</i> 	802
<i>Anglican</i> 	455
<i>Roman Catholic</i> 	451
<i>United</i> 	444
<i>Service Club</i> 	166
<i>Presbyterian</i> 	129
<i>Baptist</i> 	101
<i>Canadian Legion</i> 	90
<i>Salvation Army</i> 	74
<i>Schools</i> 	49
<i>Latter Day Saints</i> 	37
<i>Hebrew</i> 	23
<i>Lutheran</i> 	23
<i>Handicapped</i> 	9
<i>Other Religious Denominations</i> 	25
<i>Miscellaneous</i> 	146
<b>TOTAL N<sup>o</sup> GROUPS</b>	<b>3024</b>
<i>1 Scout Figure represents 50 Groups</i>	

NOTE:—Included in the 451 Roman Catholic Groups are 198 Groups belonging to La Federation des Scouts Catholiques.

suggested in this bulletin were enthusiastically received. A second Civil Defence Bulletin has been prepared and was recently issued.

The Chief Executive Commissioner and the Assistant Executive Commissioner for Training, both attended Civil Defence Staff Forums and selected Commissioners and other Scouters have taken advantage of various courses offered locally.

Canadian Headquarters have kept in close contact with the Federal Co-ordinator of Civil Defence and most Provinces have effected liaison on their own level.

At the Provincial Commissioners' Conference held in Ottawa in April, there was complete agreement that we should continue to pursue our basic policy regarding Civil Defence. That is, normal Scout training prepares Scouts to be useful in emergencies and therefore greater emphasis must be placed upon presenting normal Scouting in the most practical manner.

#### Scouting in 1951

With Plan Achievement providing an impetus right across the country, Scouting in 1951 continued to make impressive gains in Canada. It is not possible in this brief report to give a complete picture, but the following details provided by Provincial Headquarters will give a good idea of what has been happening.

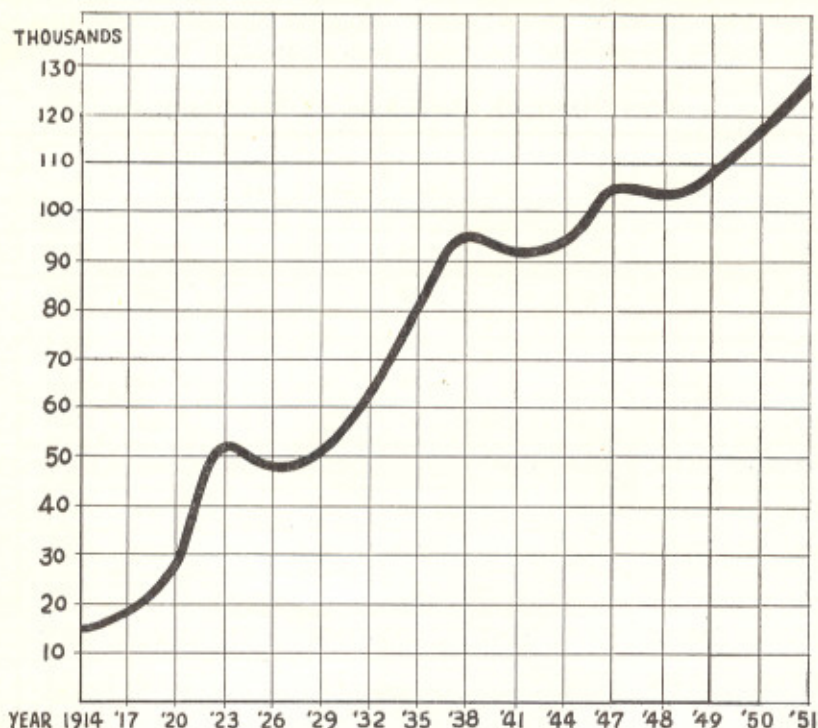
##### *British Columbia and Yukon*

The year 1951 proved to be a royal year in British Columbia and Yukon Scouting in a very real sense. At every point visited by Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers were on hand to greet the Royal couple. At most points, Rovers and Scouts were charged with definite responsibilities in the handling of crowds, and gave a good account of themselves.

A number of British Columbia Scouts and officials were honoured by the Chief Scout at an investiture at Government House, Victoria, when a Corn-



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well Badge and two Silver Wolves were among the awards presented.

His Honour Clarence Wallace, C.B.E., Lieutenant-Governor and Provincial Patron of the Movement, during Provincial Tours made a special point to review Cubs and Scouts and take part in programmes prepared in his honour. Through his keen interest, many new people were brought into active participation in the affairs of Scouting in the Province.

In the past five years organized Districts have increased from 10 to 38, with two new Districts—North Cariboo in B.C. and Whitehorse in the Yukon formed during 1951.

Despite the fact that the camping season was hampered by the closing of many forest areas due to the fire hazard, a greater number of Scouts were under canvas than in any previous year.

The industrial growth, which is going on apace in the northern part of the Province, has brought with it a considerable growth in the Scout Movement and has been recognized by the appointment of a Field Commissioner, resident in Prince George, to service that area and the Yukon.

Collectively and individually Cubs, Scouts and Rovers undertook more community service than in any previous year. An awareness of the need for preparedness brought about a special emphasis on badges leading to preparedness for emergency. Notable in this

regard have been the advanced fire fighting courses given Scouts and Leaders in the Vancouver District and emergency training for Senior Scouts and Rovers in the Victoria District. A large number of King's Scouts in the Duncan District qualified for Royal Life Saving Society certificates.

Assistance was given to Scouts in the Caribbean who lost Scout equipment in the hurricane of last year.

Rover Scouting, somewhat dormant in recent years, is showing noticeable signs of revival. A good contingent attended the First Canadian Rover Moot in Ontario, and many enquiries have been received from boys approaching Rover age.

Scouter training, as well as Patrol Leader training courses were conducted throughout the Province and conferences for Scouters and Committeemen were held at strategic points. Plans are under way to interest veteran Scouters in current trends and latest developments in leadership.

The main aim in British Columbia has been to increase the number of adults serving as Leaders and Committeemen, thus providing the necessary adult strength to service the growing boy strength. In spite of rapid growth, there has been no let-down in standards and the insistence remains on "quality".

#### Alberta

Scout population increased to 8,805,

in some 166 cities, towns and villages in Alberta and the North West Territories. This represents an increase of 14% over the previous year. A larger number of Scouters availed themselves of opportunities for taking Scouter training in Wood Badge, District Preliminary and Correspondence Courses. Some 1,400 boys participated in the 50 registered and short term camps in the Province during the year. While this total was a little disappointing, every encouragement is being given to Troops to expand their camping activities.

Once again twelve Scouts were selected to be guests of Col. H. M. Snyder on his ranch at Sundre. Two Alberta Scouts attended the World Jamboree in Austria. Cubs and Scouts took a most active part in the arrangements for the welcome to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, who attended a Scout Chuckwagon Dinner in Calgary.

During the year the Provincial Staff travelled 40,000 miles visiting Scout units in all parts of the Province and in the Northwest Territories.

#### Saskatchewan

This Province is labouring under the handicap of a smaller Provincial population, but real progress has been made. During 1951, 94 Scouters took part in various types of training and 38 Scouts availed themselves of Arrowhead training.

Two new rural districts were established during the year, and to cope with planned expansion three new Assistant Provincial Commissioners were appointed.

Cubs, Scouts and Scouters played a large part in the welcome to the Royal couple. Two Scouts attended the World Jamboree in Austria, and two of the most active toy shops in Canada were operated in Regina and Saskatoon.

#### Manitoba and Northwest Ontario

With Field Commissioners now established in Winnipeg, Brandon and the Lakehead, solid growth has been possible. Boy membership increased by 1,000 with 84 new leaders and 34 new chartered Groups.

The Fourth Prairie Gilwell was held at Gimli with 46 leaders attending from the three Prairie Provinces. A unique undertaking was the "City Camp" for rural and Lone Scouts held in Winnipeg, when the boys were given an opportunity to visit industrial plants and stores.

Two Anglican Mission School Groups in Northern Manitoba were adopted by two Winnipeg Groups, which have provided uniforms, books and Christmas parcels. The Cub carollers, which

have become an institution in Winnipeg sang at the C.P.R. and C.N.R. depots, the Deer Lodge Hospital and the Veterans' Home. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor presented framed certificates to 64 Scouts who gained King's Scout rank during 1951.

Other features included a most successful hobby show with over 500 entries, a good showing by seven Cub Packs and one Scout Troop in the Manitoba Musical Festival, 23 Packs entered in the Hesketh First Aid Competition. A number of Scouts took part in the Older Boys' Parliament, with three former King's Scouts being nominated for the office of Premier. North Winnipeg District adopted a young paraplegic Scout from The Pas who will be spending some considerable time in the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

#### Ontario

The further development of Regional and District Organization in the Province of Ontario has served to consolidate the tremendous expansion through which the province has passed in the last few years. Membership has increased by more than 3,000 during the year. One fact emphasized by the Provincial Headquarters is that every one of the 51 Local Associations met its 1951 financial quota to headquarters in full.

Principal feature of the training programme was the introduction of off-season courses, which attracted good classes in both Cub and Scout Leadership. A special effort was made in 1951 to bring about a revitalization of the Sea Scout section. While the fruit of the Ontario Advisory Committee on Sea Scouting's work will not be seen immediately, this Committee made valued suggestions in connection with the new Sea Scout Manual, and two of its members, Kenneth R. Jakins and Leslie G. Punched, did much to assist in the first Canadian Sea Scout Leaders' Training Course at Lakefield during the summer of 1951.

In the Rover Section, the Ontario Rover Round Table, which is in the province's advisory committee on Rover Scouting, had its most active year. The First Canadian Rover Moot, which proved such an outstanding success was almost entirely the work of the O.R.R.T. The success of the Moot programme and the smooth running organization of the administrative detail was the result of two years hard work on the part of this Group, which is deserving of the highest praise.

Eleven Ontario King's Scout attended the World Jamboree in Austria,

and Scouting throughout the Province played an important role during the Royal Visit. Camping figures were lower than in the previous year, but

this is believed to be due to incomplete reporting rather than an actual decrease.

Douglas McConney, who filled the post of Assistant Executive Commis-

#### STATEMENT OF CENSUS AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1951

Provinces	Wolf Cubs	Boy Scouts	Sea Scouts	Lone Scouts	Rover Scouts	Rover Sea Scouts	Grand Total Boy Member	Adult Leaders	Total Dec. 31, 1951	Total Dec. 31, 1950
NFLD. . . . .	422	1,129	-	16	24	-	1,591	96	1,687	1,140
P.E.I. . . . .	436	415	-	38	-	-	889	81	970	933
N.S. . . . .	2,874	3,086	-	135	17	-	6,112	550	6,662	6,021
N.B. . . . .	2,382	1,979	-	198	60	-	4,619	531	5,150	4,564
QUE. . . . .	5,397	3,305	50	80	156	-	8,988	768	9,756	8,921
ONT. . . . .	33,806	*17,156	495	-	1,170	69	52,696	4,957	**57,653	54,432
MAN. . . . .	5,251	2,182	-	82	59	-	7,574	781	8,355	6,937
SASK. . . . .	2,958	1,979	15	150	26	-	5,128	525	5,653	5,714
ALTA. . . . .	4,915	3,020	11	65	38	-	8,049	756	8,805	7,696
B.C. . . . .	10,201	4,799	43	30	150	12	15,235	1,599	16,834	14,435
LA FED. . . . .	1,706	3,586	-	-	726	-	6,018	1,217	7,235	6,887
TOTAL 1951 . . . . .	70,348	42,636	614	794	2,426	81	116,899	11,861	128,760	
TOTAL 1950 . . . . .	63,669	39,098	681	844	2,223	92	106,607	11,073		117,680
INCREASE . . . . .	6,679	3,538			203		10,292	788	11,080	
DECREASE . . . . .			67	50		11				
PERCENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE	10.49	9.04	9.83	5.92	9.13	11.95	9.65	7.11	9.41	

\*Total Includes Lone Scouts.

\*\*Total reported as undergoing audit and subject to revision.

#### CAMPING

	Registered Camps	Total Boys in Camp	Total Camper Days
Newfoundland	16	361	4254
Prince Edward Island	15	359	2735
Nova Scotia	39	1037	9180
New Brunswick	49	1369	10699
Quebec	19	2286	24206
Ontario	386	8825	not known
Manitoba	41	1211	not known
Saskatchewan	25	456	5850
Alberta	50	1393	9416
British Columbia	75	2355	17495
La Federation	273	5387	5896
TOTALS	988	25039	

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

sioner at Provincial Headquarters with marked success for some years, became Executive Commissioner for South Waterloo on the removal of Leslie G. Punchard to the Quebec Provincial Staff. Robert Taylor, Assistant District Commissioner for Humber Valley has replaced Mr. McConney at the Provincial office.

Civil Defence on the Troop level has been kept before Troops as an objective though a number of Provincial bulletins. Under the leadership of Mrs. A. E. Standing, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Ladies' Auxiliaries, the number of Auxiliaries is steadily increasing. Several conferences have been held at different points, and the Handbook, produced by the Ontario Advisory Committee on Ladies' Auxiliaries, has been revised.

The Province is considering the possibility of an increase in the registration fees for Cubs, Scouts and Rovers and this matter is being discussed in the field among active Scouters.

With nearly half of the Scout membership of Canada in the Province of Ontario, it is impossible to give in detail all the activities which the Province witnessed during the year. However in the field of Good Turns and community service, stress is continually laid, and in every department the Movement appears to be in a healthy and growing condition.

#### Quebec

With a total gain of 835 members, Scouting in Quebec continued to expand in 1951. In a three year period membership has increased by 1,852.

There were 17 registered Cub and Scout Camps during the year. Two fatal accidents marred the camping record for the year, one Scout being killed when a truck left the road, and another drowned in a valiant attempt to save another Scout in difficulty in the water.

While the number of Scouters trained during the year was somewhat lower, the training programme was considered satisfactory in view of the large numbers of Quebec Scouters now holding the Wood Badge.

The Thanksgiving weekend Scouters' Conference at North Hatley was again a huge success. Guest speakers at this gathering included the Chief Executive Commissioner and the Ven. Archdeacon E. S. Reed, District Commissioner for the Gaspé District.

The selection of a Montreal Scouter, David Green, as leader of the Canadian Contingent of the World Jamboree in Austria was a source of gratification.



Here are some of the men who attended the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council, held in Ottawa on April 25th. Reading from left to right, bottom to top: *First Row*, Very Rev. Dr. Woodside, Ottawa; Barry German (Hon. Secretary), Ottawa; Jackson Dodds (Deputy Chief Scout), Montreal; R. C. Stevenson (Vice President), Montreal; Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, Canadian Headquarters, Toronto; W. H. J. Tisdale, Bronte. *Second Row*, Lt.-Col. T. H. Mundy, Toronto; Maj. A. A. Pinard, Ottawa; W. C. Borlase, Winnipeg; Hon. N. E. Tanner, Edmonton; A. T. Corner, Montreal; W. D. Watson (Hon. Counsel), Winnipeg. *Third Row*, G. Weld, Toronto; Maj.-Gen. G. R. Turner, Ottawa; G. R. McKay, Montreal; N. W. Shaffer, Saskatoon; C. H. P. Killick, Winnipeg; H. Smith, Smiths Falls. *Fourth Row*, A. R. Aylsworth, London; W. E. Scott, Ottawa; F. M. Smith, Regina; W. E. Hardiman, Winnipeg; D. Lewis, Newfoundland; W. R. McClelland, Ottawa; W. L. Harper, Halifax. *Fifth Row*, F. J. Finlay, Toronto; R. A. McGregor, New Glasgow; B. W. Roberts, Montreal; G. E. Graham, Kentville; Jean Tellier (La Federation), Montreal; Dr. G. B. Peat, Saint John; C. Jonah, Regina. *Sixth Row*, Dr. M. M. MacOdrum, Ottawa; Brig. W. W. Reid, Charlottetown; E. T. Moore, Montreal; Eli Boyaner, Saint John; H. Waters, Brockville. *Last Row*, G. N. Beers, G. G. Purkis, L. L. Johnson, P. M. O. Evans, W. L. Currier, E. F. Mills, B. H. Mortlock, Lt.-Col. G. E. Simmons—all of Canadian Headquarters.

Four Quebec Scouts also attended this Jamboree and the Montreal Council had the pleasure of entertaining the contingent at Camp Tamaracouta for the pre-Jamboree camp. Mr. Green is now a member of the Executive Staff in Vancouver.

The largest event of the year was the Camporee at Lachine, attended by 2,500 Canadian and American Scouts. This was the first attempt at such an undertaking for some years, and the Committee in charge is to be congratulated on its success.

Field Commissioner J. L. MacGregor was loaned to Imperial Headquarters for three months for field work in the British West Indies, and during his absence Field Commissioner P. M. O. Evans of Canadian Headquarters was loaned to the Province.

As is customary a very great deal

of service work was done in scores of communities by Boy Scouts during the year.

#### New Brunswick

The growth of Scouting in New Brunswick is reflected in these brief notes:—Increase in membership, 533; increase in registered camps, 12; 12 new Packs, 13 new Troops, two new Rover Crews, two new Districts organized. All Scouts in the Province are enrolled in the Scout Group Insurance Plan.

Two New Brunswick Scouts attended the World Jamboree and 96 Scouts received King's Scout Certificates from His Honour Lieutenant-Governor D. L. MacLaren in the Legislative Assembly Chambers at Fredericton.

Other highlights in New Brunswick for the year were a successful Rover Moot attended by 136 Rovers; atten-

dance of six Scouters at C.S.T.C. thus strengthening the Provincial Training Team; participation in welcome to the Royal couple; a large increase in the number of boys earning their Religion and Life Award; a continuation of the Scout Broadcast, "Know your Scouting"; a cruise by 40 Scouts around the Charlotte coast and the West Isles; enrolment by Scouting of 730 Junior Forest Wardens, 60 Senior Forest Wardens, 12 Rover Forest Wardens and 32 Honorary Fire Wardens; training provided for over 300 Scouters and Group Committee men; number of First Class and King's Scouts doubled; Christmas toy shops conducted in most large centres; several important exploration and canoe trips; special training given in Civil Defence work; participation of Cubs and Scouts in Fire Prevention Week activities, and outstanding service rendered by Madawaska County Cubs, Scouts and Rovers at Marian Congress.

#### *Nova Scotia*

This Province reports another outstanding year, highlighted by a 10% increase in membership. Considerable progress was made in training for Civil Defence. A Scout Radio Station has been opened in Halifax and a Scout Radio Club formed.

As usual Nova Scotia Scouts took part in hundreds of community Good Turns for other organizations, and continued their job of acting as ushers for the Opera Society, a task which has been highly commended each year. Scouts again took charge of the illumination of the North West Arm for Natal Day. Thousands more trees were planted on the watershed, the continuation of a carefully planned programme which will extend over many years. Rover Crews have shown considerable activity sending a sizeable contingent to the First Canadian Moot and carrying out some extensive hiking programmes during the year.

Nova Scotia also reports an outstanding year in Training with a record number of District Preliminary Training Courses and no less than four Silver Arrowhead Courses for Patrol Leaders.

#### *Prince Edward Island*

Highlight of Prince Edward Island Scouting in 1951, at least for the boys concerned, was the presentation to Princess Elizabeth of 16 King's Scouts who received from her hands their King's Scout Certificates. The Island's first Camporee was held during Festive Week, in July and was a huge success. One Scout attended the World Jamboree in Austria and news despatches

## TRIBUTE TO SCOUTERS

The following motion of tribute was paid to Canada's force of more than 12,000 volunteer Scouters by the Canadian General Council at the Annual Meeting. It was recommended that the widest circulation be given the tribute.

"It is always a pleasure for the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, to take advantage of the Annual General Meeting to express its appreciation to our enthusiastic army of more than 12,000 volunteer Scouters.

"The success of The Boy Scout Movement must of necessity bear direct relation to the degree of loyalty and efficiency of its volunteer leaders. It is most gratifying to the Council to make official recognition at this time of the magnificent leadership being given our Packs, Troops and Crews. It is traditional in Scouting that this service is rendered without thought of reward, but the Council is not unmindful of the tremendous amount of time, thought and energy so freely given, or the fact that hundreds of Scouters have been giving this unselfish service for upwards of twenty years.

"The growth and prosperity of the Movement, as reflected in the Annual Report, is the logical outcome of this fine service and to the leaders in every branch of the Movement the Canadian General Council extends a most sincere 'Thank You'.

"On its part, the Council pledges itself to give every possible assistance through its Canadian Headquarters, in the work our Scouters have undertaken, to enable them to carry on with enthusiasm and efficiency this task of national importance".

written by this Scout appeared in local newspapers. The Provincial Office recorded 16 camps with 359 campers spending a total of 2,735 days in camp. Scouts assisted the police with the direction of traffic during Festive Week, the Royal Visit and the West Prince Exhibition. They also built a bridge for residents of Keppoch and ran several Christmas Toy Shops for needy children.

With successful Apple Days and Financial Campaigns the Island enjoyed one of its most successful Scouting years.

#### *Newfoundland*

This Province has made tremendous strides since it centred its administration in a Provincial Headquarters under the direction of a Provincial Commissioner and President. During 1951 the Provincial Council were fortunate to have the Hon. Mr. Justice Winter accept the office of Provincial President.

During the year two new District Councils were formed at St. John's and Gander and are functioning smoothly. The first Bronze Arrowhead Courses were also held in these two centres.

Scouting population has increased to 1,687, and is now active in 36 communities round the Island and in Labrador.

Toyshops were conducted in several centres and Scouts assisted the authorities during the Royal visit.

Outstanding in the year's activities was the expansion in camping. Some 22 camps were held with a total of over 4,000 camping days. Inter-Troop camping proved most successful with Scouts from Gander, the U.S. Argentia Naval Base and Millertown camping with Troops from St. John's.

A number of Scouts from Goose Bay in Labrador camped for ten days in Nova Scotia, and at Stephenville, Newfoundland and American Scouts spent a week together under canvas.

#### **Stores Department**

The Stores Department again established a new record, both in volume of dollar sales and in volume of units of merchandise sold. Total sales reached the sum of \$625,284.06 in 1951, an increase of \$139,704.53 over the previous year. Unit sales increased by 163,004 to 969,739.

The continuing growth of the Movement in every part of Canada reflects itself in this sales picture, and also suggests that more and more boys and leaders are getting into uniform and acquiring the items of equipment essential for their activities.

#### **Training Department**

The success of our Movement depends on good leadership and good leadership can be assured by training people of good character. We make no

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apologies therefore, for again stressing the importance of constantly encouraging Scouters to take advantage of every training scheme offered.

Statistics for 1951 indicate that a good proportion of our Scouters took training in some form or another. The total number of adults attending Courses was 2,752 of whom 556 were members of Group Committees. Scouters who completed Correspondence Courses numbered 437 so that in all, 3,189 adult leaders were trained. In addition to the foregoing there were 3,119 Patrol Leaders who attended courses designed for them.

**Appreciation**

In a series of resolutions the Council express appreciation for support and co-operation from the Staff of Government House, Ottawa; the Government of Canada for the annual grant; financial supporters; volunteer workers; the daily and weekly press; the C.B.C. and independent radio stations; various Federal and Provincial Government Departments; the Canadian Red Cross Society; the St. John Ambulance Association; the Girl Guides Association; the Canadian Headquarters Advisory Committees; the Ottawa Public School Board and members of Canadian Headquarters Staff.



In response to an appeal for Tents to be given to various Boy Scout Associations in the countries of the British West Indies, many individuals, units, groups, District and Provincial Councils sent in contributions to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. The above scene was recorded at the First Caribbean Jamboree as the fifty-seven tents were handed over to the Camp Chief, for equal distribution to the B.W.I. Associations. At the left Field Commissioner Herb Northcott of Manitoba presents one of the Inglewood tents to a British West Indian Scouter; centre Mr. Leslie R. Mordecai receives one of the Wall tents from John Snow, leader of the Canadian Contingent; right, two of the Rover Scouts who offered their services to the Jamboree Headquarters, hand over the first of the Kitchen shelters.

# The Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund

*"A Scout is a friend to all and a Brother to every other Scout"*

HERE is a further list of contributors to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund who firmly believe in the third and fourth Scout Law. Thanks to the many people who believe Canadian Scouting should be prepared to assist their less fortunate brothers, or lend a hand at home when disaster strikes, the Brotherhood Fund continues to grow strong.

Recently a request from the International Bureau for assistance to Cubs in Haiti was presented to the Fund Committee. Through lack of funds the Cub programme in this island country was being impeded. The Committee, on your behalf, therefore sent 1000 Cub books in the French language to Haiti with the compliments and best wishes of Canadian Scouting. It is almost impossible to assess what this small gift will mean to Cubs in Haiti but we can be sure they appreciate our effort to live our Scout Law.

Here, then, is the list of recent contributors, to whom we say thanks, and a statement of the Brotherhood Fund account to date, April 25, 1952.

*N.B. We have been advised that the contribution to the Tent Fund listed as Saskatchewan in a previous issue of The Scout Leader should have read Prince Albert District Council.*

Balance on hand	\$2,140.99
The Boy Scouts Association, East Pietou District Council, New Glasgow, N.S.	50.00
3rd Woodstock United Church Troop, Woodstock, Ontario	5.00
Granby Scout Group, Granby, Quebec	36.00
Lake St. Louis Group, Quebec	15.00
West Vancouver, B.C., Cubs and Scouts	12.10
Powell River District, B.C.	20.00
Hamilton, Ont., District, Scout Training Course	1.50
Hamilton, Ont., Scouters' Club Training Course	2.00
1st & 6th Wolf Cub Packs, Leamington, Ont.	6.00
	<b>\$2,288.59</b>
Less contribution to Haiti	120.00
Balance to date, April 25, 1952	<b>\$2,168.59</b>

# AKELA'S DEN

## THAT IMPORTANT NEW TEST—THE HIGHWAY CODE

With the snow gone for another few months, many Cubs will be taking to the open road on foot or bicycle. Now is a good time to talk about this important test and Safety First.

IT WOULD seem that there are doubts in the minds of some Scouters as to what is expected of a Cub or Scout by "A knowledge of the Highway Code of his province."

The intention is that the Cub or Scout knows and observes whatever safety precautions and road courtesy regulations are laid down by his province or by his local authority. The ultimate aim is to make the boy safety minded for his own and other people's protection.

One thing not intended is to produce Philadelphia lawyers all set to argue at a moment's notice. A combination of courtesy and caution can do much to avoid accidents.

The Regina Akela Club has recently produced admirable instructions relating to the Highway Test which meet the need. They are reproduced here with acknowledgments to a good job well done.

### Highway Code in Relation to Cyclists (Wolf Cub 1st and 2nd Star Tests)

1. Be careful, show courtesy and use common sense.
2. Cubs should never operate a bicycle too large for them or loan their bicycles to younger children.
3. Never learn to ride a bicycle on a busy street.
4. Do not ride on sidewalks or boulevards.
5. Learn to signal properly. Signal turns and stops in advance.
6. Ride bicycles in single file.
7. Never carry passengers.
8. Keep your hand on the bars, and

feet on the pedals, and carry all parcels in a proper carrier.

9. Never hitch rides.
10. Steer at a steady pace without weaving.
11. Only ride at night if your bicycle has the proper head light and tail reflector.
12. Be cautious on slippery roads.
13. Walk your bicycle across busy intersections.
14. When making a left turn, first signal then proceed straight to far right curb, watch for traffic clearing turn left and cross to opposite side. Don't take a short cut.
15. Never pass another cyclist at an intersection.
16. Park your bicycle in proper rack never against curb.
17. Always ride on right side of road close to curb but four feet from parked cars.
18. Watch for ruts and cross at right angles.
19. Always pay attention to lights, saddle, bell, steering, brakes, tires, pedals, and wheels.

### Highway Code in Relation to Pedestrians (Wolf Cub 1st and 2nd Star Tests)

The necessity for the recent revision of P.O.R. to include these tests has arisen from the greater number of motor vehicles travelling our streets and highways and their increased speed of travel. As a result, it is important that pedestrians should not place too much faith in the automobile driver's

control of his car and that Cubs particularly, observe certain rules which would safeguard them and their playmates from dangers involved.

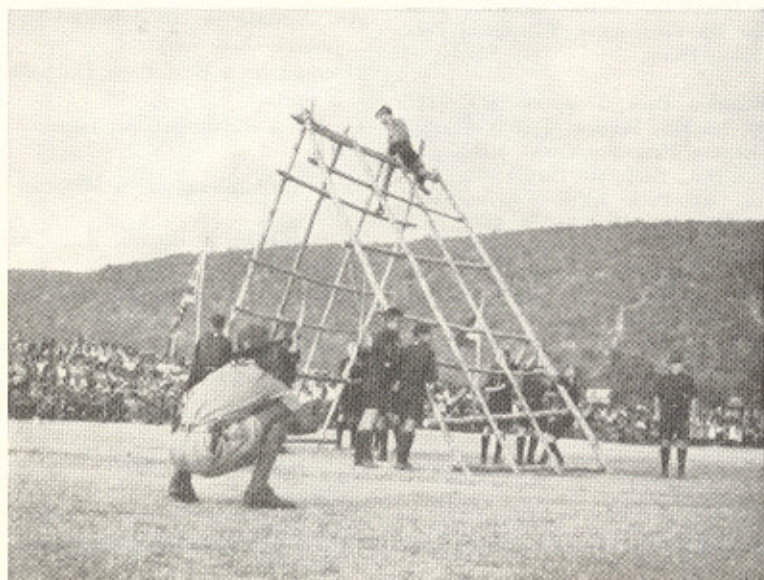
1. Do not walk or play on any traffic roadway.
2. Stop, look, and listen before attempting to cross a street. Make sure the road is clear to the right and left.
3. Cross only at intersections and marked cross walks.
4. Cross at a steady walk. Do not run or change your direction of travel.
5. Pass other pedestrians at crossings as well as on sidewalks to the right.
6. Be extremely cautious if entering the road near a parked car or other obstruction.
7. Be careful when crossing icy streets.
8. When alighting from a bus, never cross in front. Wait on curb and cross behind.
9. Always alight from the right side of a car onto the curb.
10. Always walk on the extreme edge or shoulder of an open highway facing the oncoming traffic.
11. Cubs should always take the hand of younger ones or blind people (who carry white canes) and lead them at street crossings.
12. Observe all signal lights and other applicable signs.
13. Never touch or hold on to a moving vehicle.
14. Wear suitable clothing at night when walking on the highway. Clothes should be light in colour.

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# THE 1st. CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE, 1952



The Jamboree of Unity is over but its effects will be felt for many, many years in the countries that border the Caribbean Sea. From Scouts, Rovers and Scouters come glowing reports of the wonderful hospitality the people of Jamaica offered to the Canadian Contingent and how much our contingent members learned of this section of The International Brotherhood of Scouting. During his brief stop in Canada on his way home, Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout for the British Commonwealth and Empire, lauded the efforts of all who attended the First Caribbean Jamboree and made particular mention of the Canadian Contingent. At all times they conducted themselves as Scouts and won the unquestionable respect of everyone at the Jamboree, he stated. Our contingent was the second largest to attend the Jamboree, topped only by Trinidad.

Special mention should be made of the Rover Scouts and Scouters who made the journey to the Jamboree to offer their services as helpers to the Headquarters staff. Mr. Leslie R. Mordecai was high in his praise of the spirit and deportment of these representatives of the senior section of Canadian Scouting who did such a marvelous piece of work. Their contribution to the Jamboree ensured a wonderful memory for the more than 1000 Scouts who attended this great gathering.

Many Caribbean Jamboree Scouts have already been called upon to tell their fascinating stories. If you have not heard *your Caribbean Scout* tell of this real adventure, why not write to him or ask your Provincial Headquarters what arrangements can be made.

**Top to Bottom:** Five representatives of countries to the Jamboree, including a Canadian at the extreme left, prepare to take their Lamps of Unity back to their campsite after they were lit by the Camp Chief. This was a brief but impressive ceremony designed to impress the theme of the Jamboree—UNITY—on all members of each contingent. The lamps are similar to the ones used to light homes in the B.W.I. **Centre:** The Canadian contingent enters the Arena to stage their display. Standing on the lashed bamboo staves are two Scouts dressed in an Eskimo outfit and an Indian Chief's gear. Not shown is another Scout who wore the complete ALL PURPOSE UNIFORM. **Bottom:** One of the Canadian Scouts going over the stave obstacle race staged by our contingent in the Arena.



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HERE is a further list of one hundred and twenty-two units who have received the Plan Achievement Award emblem for 1951. There may still be a few names to be listed but all those who have won the Award will see their unit name listed in *The Scout Leader*.

All targets for 1952 should now have been set and with one year's experience to work on we anticipate a record breaking list of Award winners for 1952.

If you have not yet sent your targets for 1952 to the District Commissioner or Provincial Commissioner, please do so now, and good luck in your efforts.

### Prince Edward Island:

1st St. Eleanors, Pack and Troop; 2nd Summerside, Pack; 3rd Summerside, Pack and Troop; 1st Parkdale, Pack; 3rd Charlottetown, Pack; 7th Charlottetown, Troop; 9th Charlottetown, Pack and Troop.

### British Columbia:

*Prince Rupert District* 2nd Prince Rupert, Pack; 4th Prince Rupert, Pack. *Mission District* 1st Cade Barr, Pack; 2nd Mission, Pack. *Crowsnest District* 3rd Fernie, Pack; 62nd "A" Vancouver, Pack. *Creston Valley District* 1st Erickson, Pack; 1st Wynndel, Troop. *Okanagan South District* 3rd Penticton, Pack; 1st Summerland, Pack; 1st Penticton, Troop. *Interior Unattached Groups* 1st Golden, Pack and Troop; 1st Merritt, Pack and Troop; 1st Greenwood, Troop.

### Quebec:

Ahuntsic, Montreal, Troop and Pack; Cartierville, Montreal, Troop; St. Laurent, Montreal, Troop; Snowdon YMHA, Montreal, Troop; Adath Israel, Montreal, Troop; Neighbourhood House, Montreal, Troop; 2nd Rouyn (St. Bede's), Rouyn, Troop; 2nd Noranda (N.F.D.), Noranda, Troop and Pack; 1st Noranda (Lions), Noranda, Pack; Ephraim Scott, Montreal, Pack; St. Malachi's, Montreal, Pack; St. Matthew's, Montreal, Pack; St. Cuthbert's, Montreal, Pack; Fairmount, Montreal, Pack; Fairmount-St. Giles, Montreal, Pack; St. Michael's, Montreal, Pack; Twentieth Ascension, Montreal, Pack.

### Ontario:

5th United Church, Port Hope, Troop; 2nd Minnow Lake, Troop; 1st Lakefield, Troop; St. Andrew's United Church, Lanark, Pack.

### Alberta:

1st Lloydminster, Troop.

### New Brunswick:

St. Luke's, Saint John, Troop; 1st Marysville, Troop; St. Luke's "B", Saint John, Pack; 8th Fredericton, Troop; 1st Rusagonis, Troop; 7th Fredericton, Troop and Pack; 9th Fredericton, Pack; St. George's Church, Saint John, Troop.

### Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario:

4th Brandon, Pack; 5th Brandon, Pack; 8th Brandon, Pack, Troop and G.C.; 12th Brandon, G.C.; Shilo, Pack; 4th Fort William, Troop; 7th Fort William, Troop; 11th "B" Fort William, Pack; 11th Fort William, Troop; 3rd Kenora, Pack and Troop; 4th Kenora, Troop; 3rd Portage la Prairie, Troop; 2nd Port Arthur, Ont., Pack; 4th Port Arthur, Ont., Pack; 5th Port Arthur, Ont., Troop; 7th Port Arthur, Ont., Pack; 9th Port Arthur, Ont., Pack, Troop and G.C.; 10th "A" Port Arthur, Ont., Pack; 12th Port Arthur, Ont., Pack, Troop and G.C.; 1st Atikokan, Ont., G.C.; 1st Dryden, Ont., Pack; 1st Emerson, G.C.; 1st "A" Marathon, Ont., Pack; 1st Marathon, Ont., G.C.; 1st Minnedosa, Man., Troop; 1st Oak River, Troop and G.C.; 1st Pointe du Bois, Pack and Troop; 1st Red Rock, Ont., Troop; 1st Terrace Bay, Ont., Pack, Troop and G.C.; 1st Transcona, Man., Troop; 16th Winnipeg, Pack and Troop; 26th Winnipeg, Pack; 27th "A" Winnipeg, Pack; 27th Winnipeg, Troop; 27th "B" Winnipeg, Pack; 28th Winnipeg, Pack; 67th Winnipeg, Pack; 66th Winnipeg, Troop; 77th Winnipeg, Troop and G.C.; 78th Winnipeg, G.C.; 37th Winnipeg, Pack and Troop; 76th Winnipeg, Pack; 22nd Winnipeg, Pack; 35th Winnipeg, Troop; 64th Winnipeg, Troop; 8th Winnipeg, Troop; 44th Winnipeg, Troop; 20th Winnipeg, Troop; 33rd Assiniboia (Winnipeg), G.C.; 40th Assiniboia (Winnipeg), G.C.; 5th Flin Flon, Troop; 8th Flin Flon, Pack; Island Falls, Pack.

### Nova Scotia:

3rd Sydney, Troop; 6th Sydney, Troop; 1st Imperoyal, Troop and Pack; 1st Dartmouth, Troop and Pack.

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It isn't a Chihuahua—a Mexican Hairless,

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A Police Dog in plain clothes, it might be Alsatian.

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Is lifted to show that it knows the Sixth Law.

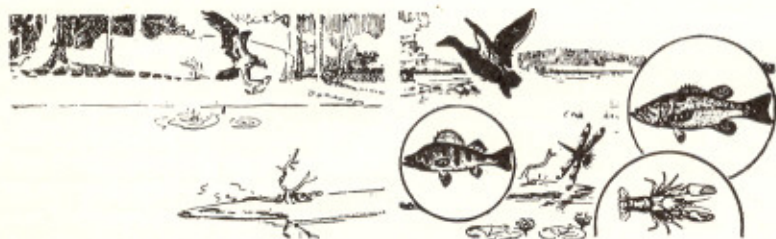
It might carry fleas, or a pedigree, but  
The latter is doubtful—it must be a MUTT!  
H.B.H.



## THE FASCINATION OF LIVING THINGS

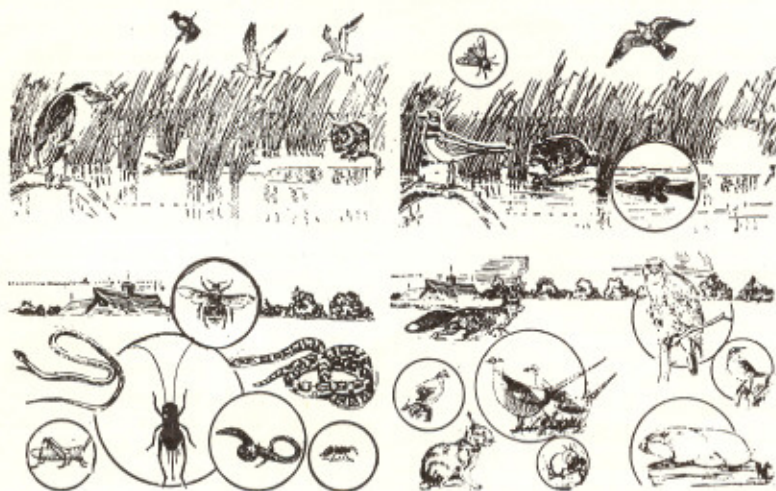
Boys of all ages are fascinated by the stories of the many small and large creatures they will meet in camp. It is not difficult to become moderately proficient in telling these stories. There are many small and very useful books to help you and any librarian would be happy to advise you. Below is a chart drawn up by the Boy Scouts of America which you might find useful when on a hike. Even if all the pictured "living things" are not in your locality, you can easily substitute. Above all do go on nature hikes and introduce your boys to the game of the Naturalist.

SEE HOW MANY OF THESE YOU CAN FIND IN THE FOLLOWING PICTURES



In Waterways (above)—Black Duck, Perch, Black Bass, Crayfish, Dragonfly, Osprey, Water Snake.

In Bogs and Marshes (below)—Pigeon Hawk, Horse Fly, Kildeer, Raccoon, Minnow, Muskrat, Gulls, Night Heron, Red Wing.



In Grassland (above)—Ant, Milk Snake, Earthworm, Cricket, Bumblebee, Green Snake, Grasshopper, Pheasant, Bobwhite, Woodchuck, Fox, Cottontail, Meadow Mouse, Red Tailed Hawk, Meadowlark.



In Forests (above)—Squirrel, Red Shouldered Hawk, Opossum, Black Bear, Rattlesnake, Skunk.

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# ROVER QUESTS

## ROVERING TO EXCESS

By H. E. D. MITCHELL

*Deputy Executive Commissioner, Toronto Metropolitan Area*

This is the fifth orientation paper for one of the discussion groups at the Canadian Rover Moot held at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve in Ontario, September 1st to 4th, 1951. We hope it will prove useful to Rover Scout Leaders who wish to present this topic to their Crews for discussion.



THE purpose of this yarn is purely to orient the group to the subject—and to stimulate our thinking along and around the subject of older Rovers and Scouters remaining in the Crew.

I do not think that I could get a more potent opening remark than the one used by Ralph Reader in his article on the same subject recently published in *The Scouter*. I quote—"Rovering is like a feather bed; it's too easy to get into and too comfortable to get out of!—It is a Harbour of 'Hangers On' who can easily become the 'barnacles' on this branch of our Movement."

What do I mean? Just this—Too many young men are hiding under the canopy of Rover Scouting long after they should have put away their childish play things—and yes—too often are Scouters "playing at" Rover Scouting to the detriment of both the unit they serve and the Crew to which they belong.

"What"? I can hear someone say! "Are you advocating that Scouters should not belong to the Crew?" Yes, I am. Unless that Scouter be the Rover Leader he should not be in the Crew. There are two valid arguments against Scouters being Rovers.

One, if a Scouter has not sufficiently matured, or, to quote the term used in Rover Scouting, "found himself", he is not a proper person to have charge of a Troop or Pack—yet. How can a man who lacks a faith in his heart, or a satisfactory philosophy of every day living and a purpose in life, give adult and mature leadership? If, as he does when he applies for a Warrant, in effect, say that he is a proper and fit person to give adult and mature leadership to a group of growing boys—he should not be in the Rover section, that is for young men who are "finding themselves".

The other argument is one of the time element. No Scouter has the time to give us a leader of a unit and as a

member of a Crew. Too many of our Cub Packs and Scout Troops are merely a week night meeting without either adventure or achievement because the Scouter "lacks the time" to do a proper job.

"Oh", but you say—"some of our Scouters are putting every night and almost every weekend into Scouting". To them I say—"Please take up knitting". At least it will be a new experience to these "rutted" Rovers—and goodness knows how they need it. Any man who puts all his time into Scouting is both a menace to himself and his fellow men—and is of a negative value as a boy's leader. There is something wrong with his make up. He lacks imagination. He lacks a purpose. He is in a rut and we are encouraging him in it.

Let's take the point of view of a young squire coming into the Crew. Is it fair to him to find his C.M. and S.M. there? Is he not looking for new associations rather than those who have been his Scouters for some years past?

The C.M. would kick like "old Harry" if the S.M. dropped in each night to have his say in the running of the Pack—and the S.M. would likewise complain if the R.L. was present at every meeting of the Troop. Why is it these fellows, who guard their jurisdictional authority so feverishly, have no qualms about exercising their opinions in the Crew under the guise of Rover Scouts?

Oh, but you argue "a Rover's job is service". To which I reply "So is a Wolf Cub's and so is a Boy Scout's. And who said that this service had to be rendered within the Scout Movement—exclusively? Do we lack the imagination—or the courage, to see the need of others—and do something about it? Have we failed to hear the call of mankind for help in a thousand different ways? Have we turned a deaf ear to the plea of the Church for leadership? Have we closed our eyes to the

needs of the poor, the discouraged, and the suffering? Have we become so indifferent to the routine of organized welfare that we turn down the opportunity to help those who have slipped between the channels of catalogued charity?

There is something wrong with a Crew whose orbit of service is confined to the narrow horizon of the group. Have we forgotten the Chief's advice about "Questing"? In this day and age—when our generation have become so community conscious, and consequently so aware of the many needs of mankind, both individual and communal—there is a thousand community needs staring us in the face. The Crew that shuts its eyes to such, is neglecting the Chief's advice to "look wide".

In the realm of music, of sport, of drama, and of national and international affairs, are thousands of quests—and each provide opportunities to serve. Certainly a Rover's job is service, but so it is a Rover's job to look wide. Rovering should be the *key* to an ever increasing panorama of life,—a view with a thousand people and a thousand things beckoning for a young man's attention and for a young man's help—and not the *key* that confines him to a smoky den where endless harangues take place about what the Pack, the Troop or H.Q. are doing. Yes, a Rover's job is service but—a service for what?

Some years ago, a great believer in the Rover Section wrote a play about it. It was entitled "The Road to Where?" "Where" is still the operative word—and we still are as uncertain as ever about it. A maximum age limit is, I think, essential to the answer.

Most of us are sentimentalists, who after years of Scouting, are loath to leave it. Well, who said you had to leave it? With scores of Troops and Packs crying for leaders, and with droves of boys still wanting Scouting—and can't because there is no apparent help—there are opportunities galore—to stay in the Movement—that is, as an adult.

It has often been said that you can't expect an 18 and 19 year old to have the same interests as a man of 45. Maybe we should note—with alarm—the 45ers who apparently have the interests of an 18 year old youth!

Yes, my friend, you may stay in the Movement. We are glad to have you—we need you—but only as a mature and adult person.—And let the ability to master the sentiment of leaving the Crew—as you did when you left the Troop—or left the old school,—or left

the old gang of your single days, when you got married—be evidence of your growing to maturity.

Some of you who are Scouters are going to say—"Now look here, there are times when we want to get away from the kids and go off on a hike with some of the older fellows in the Crew—that's why we want to be Rovers." Well, can you show me a Crew that would not be proud to have their Scouters along on an *occasional* hike—but, note that I said *occasional*.

And others are going to say that their Troop has everything they need—headquarters, camp gear and funds—and all through the efforts of a swell bunch of guys in the Rover Crew. My advice to you is "Go and burn down your headquarters (and I hope you have no insurance), give away your camp tackle and your funds, and—start over again. When a Troop ceases to have any wants and needs—it's "had it". It's the fighting and struggling to get and to achieve, that moulds individuals into groups—even a Scout Troop.

One of the best Crews I ever knew—one of the earliest to develop a blood transfusion service for the poor,—one that worked in the community—one that was always full up—*never kept a young man after he was twenty-one*.

The law says that he is a man—and on an occasion nearest his 21st birthday—in the church of his choice—with his pastor, his priest, or rabbi present—and before the assembled Crew and his friends—*he graduated—as a man*.

Strange—but that Group never had a shortage of Leaders—never had any difficulty raising funds—never had any problem in finding badge examiners or local Association material. You see, that community was full of ex Rovers—who—did not *drop out* but—*graduated*.

That's why I quoted Ralph Reader and suggest that Rovering is in danger of becoming a "Harbour of Hangers On". That's why he suggests that Rovering is like a feather bed—too easy to get into—too comfortable to get out of.


What do you think?

Each discussion group should attempt to provide the answer to the following—

1. Should we establish an upper age limit and if so, what should it be?
2. Should Scouters be members of a Rover Crew?

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	September 20 — 28	Blue Springs
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QUEBEC	Cubmasters . . . . . August 16 — 23	Tamaracouta
	Week-ends May 30 — June 8	— " —
	Scoutmasters . . . . . June 8 — 15	Tamaracouta

# HAVE FUN AT CAMP!

As you finalize your programmes for camp, making sure that each daily programme has another sheet on the opposite side in case of rain, it was thought you might like one or two thoughts to blend with the more important ones, your own. Here's a short article on the Troop Log and two games for camp—one in the water and one a wide game. We do hope you develop many new ideas and the Editor would be happy to pass the good ones on to others through this magazine. Have fun at camp and then write us a line with your ideas.

## "Timber"

By G. E. SIMMONS

Scoutmaster, 45th Ottawa Troop

COMES now de writing of dat book called "TIMBER", I mean "LOG" . . . So reads an extract from the Log of a training course I was reading the other day. The rest of that day's entry was written in much the same way, but although written in light vein, it gave a clear picture of the day's activities in camp. Normally the Log is read daily as part of the Council Fire programme, is usually the highlight and the cause of terrific editorial rivalry.

What is all this leading to? Well I wonder how many Scouters who have attended training courses have carried the idea back to the Troop or passed it on to others.

In my travels I have seen some excellent Logs, but unfortunately many are lamentably lacking in literary skill. For the uninitiated here are a few pointers that may help.

What is a Log—It is a complete record of a Troop's activities, its successes and failures, its camps, hikes, special projects, participation in District activities, etc. How should it be written?—It should be left to the imagination of the writer. Each writer will endeavour to outdo his predecessor and development of writing ability follows. Who should write the Log?—There are several ways in which this can be handled, but I think that the most satisfactory is to rotate it weekly among the Patrols. As I said earlier it creates healthy Patrol rivalry and by rotating does not become a burden on any one individual.

In addition to the written word, photographs and sketches will be found most valuable in adding to the interest particularly for the new boy.

In some Troops each new boy is given the Log to read before he is invested. It gives him a good insight into the Troop, its management and activities. But, above all the Log be-

comes the keeper of Troop tradition without which no Troop can call itself complete.

## Whale Hunt

THIS water game is exceedingly popular and is especially good for public exhibition, being full of amusement and excitement.

The outfit needed is:—

(1) A "whale" roughly formed of soft wood: it should be about 5 feet long and 18 inches through at the head.

(2) Two spears with 6 inch steel heads and wooden handles (about 3 feet long). The points should be sharp and the bends firmly fixed to the handles. To each handle is fixed a twenty foot length of one inch rope. Six feet from the spearhead is a fathom mark made by tying on a rag.

(3) Two boats with crews. Each crew consists of a harpooner, and one or two oarsmen and a pilot who sits aft. All should be expert swimmers.

The Game: Each boat has a base or harbour; this is usually part of the shore and is placed at a short distance from the rival base. Bases should be marked with goal posts.

The whale is left by the referee's canoe at a point midway between the two bases. At the word "Go!" each boat leaves its base and, making for the whale, tries to harpoon it, then tow it back by the line to its base. When both get their harpoons into it the contest becomes a tug-of-war until one of the harpoons pulls out.

The whale is landed when the prow of the boat that has it in tow touches its proper base, even though the rival spear is then in the fish: or it is landed when the fish itself touches the base, if it is also in tow at the time. The boats change places after each heat.

Rules: It is not allowed to push the whale into position with spear or paddle.

It is allowed to push or pull it around or under the boat by using the line after striking fast.

It is allowed to lay hands on the other boat but only to prevent a colli-

sion otherwise it is forbidden to touch the other boat or crew or paddle or line, or to lay hands on the fish or to touch it with the paddle, or touch your own harpoon while it is in the fish, or to tie the line around the fish.

It is allowed to dislodge the rival harpoon by throwing your own over it.

It is allowed to run on to the whale with the boat.

It is absolutely forbidden to throw the harpoon over the other boat or over the heads of your own crew.

In towing the whale the fathom mark must be over the gunwale.

The harpooner must be in the boat when he throws the harpoon.

The game is usually best out of three heats.

## Sketching the Castle A Wide Game for Camp

SCENE—a well-wooded stretch of country.

Action—Fifth Columnists are attempting to get close enough to a secret wireless station to make sketches. The wireless station is in an old farm house and can be located by the enemy if a sketch of the building is provided. R.C.M.P. men have wind of the plan and want to catch the Fifth Columnists in the act of sketching.

Previous to the game the S.M. or P.L.s provide a large sketch of a farm house. This can be copied or drawn from imagination. The sketch is set up—pinned to a tree, or on an arrangement of Scout staves.

It should be well surrounded by bushes which will give good cover for ambushers, and for the Fifth Columnists to get near enough without being seen too easily.

Two-thirds of the Troop are Fifth Columnists and they must get near enough to the sketch to make a rough drawing of it. The rest of the Scouts are R.C.M.P. men and are hidden at a reasonable distance from the "wire-

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# SCOUTS LIKE TO BUILD USEFUL PIONEERING PROJECTS

WHATEVER else your programme contains, do try to include some pioneering. Pioneering has been popular with Scouts and other boys and men for generations and although it might look like a great deal of trouble, you will find that your Scouts will enjoy every minute they spend building any of the illustrated projects. Of course there are many more things that can be built and we would like to suggest that you include a copy of *Pioneering Projects*, by John Thurman, in your Headquarters kit. This excellent little book is obtainable from your Stores Department agent, your Provincial Headquarters or direct from The Stores Department, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.

Pioneering was not introduced into Scouting to develop Civil Engineers but simply as another means of character training. If the boys themselves build the project, do the clearing away and so forth, they will learn a great deal from every minute of the activity. The Scouter will also have an opportunity to observe the strengths and weaknesses of his Scouts and so he too will learn. It is important to remember that these projects should not be built simply for something to do but rather for a specific purpose—i.e., don't imagine a stream has to be crossed—cross one.

Here's good luck to you and as Mr. Thurman says in the closing words of his book, "May your lashings never be weaker".

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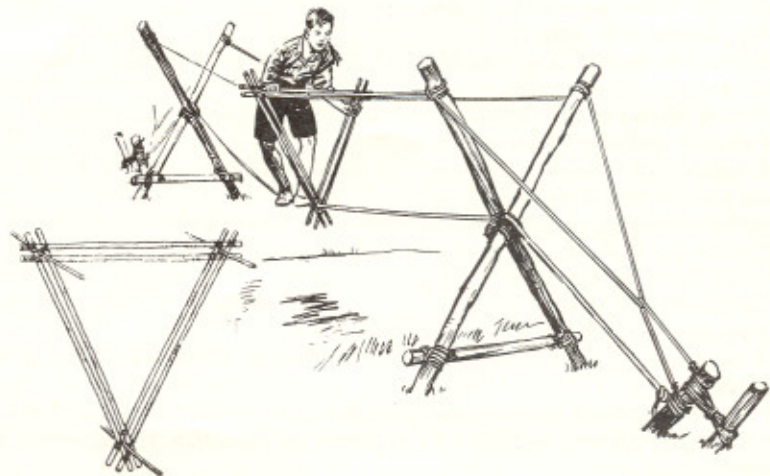
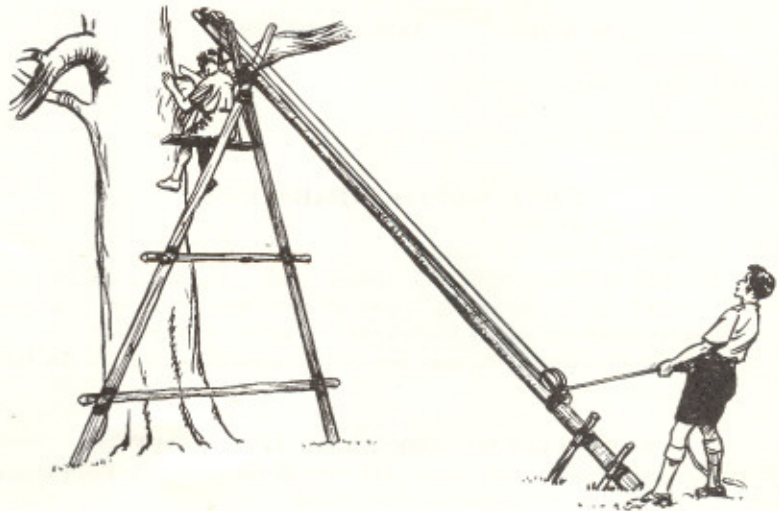
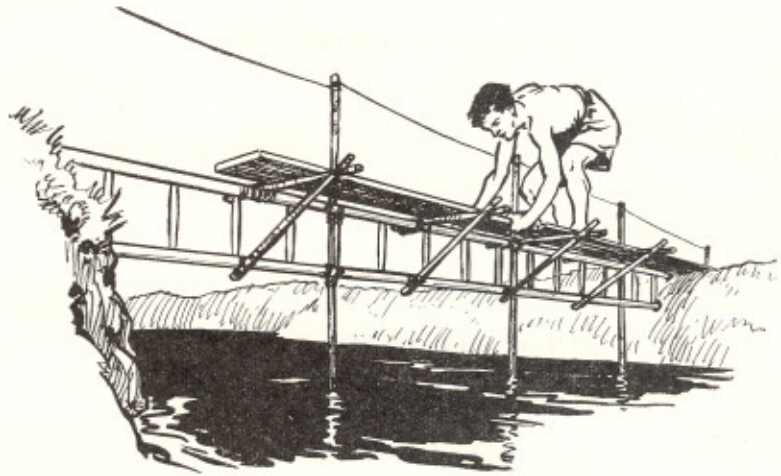
## Sketching the Castle . . .

less station". It is their job to stalk the traitors and "kill" them before they can make the sketch.

A "kill" can be by any means you like—wool round arm to be broken, or a number noted, or a "shot"—hit with ball or beanbag. Defender men can also be killed to add to the excitement.

If you wish, you can have several sketches posted at various parts of the chosen area. Points are awarded in proportion to the number of sketches or parts of sketches made.

The organization of this game is quite simple, but there is plenty of scope for Scouting practice especially in the art of concealment.



# HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

The Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council, at its meeting in Ottawa on April 25th, 1952, gave approval to the following future plans, and Canadian participation in International events shown.

## CANADIAN JAMBOREE 1953

Dates July 18 - 26.  
 Place Connaught Ranges—near Ottawa.  
 Camp Fee \$20.00.  
 Equipment All Troops to come self contained as far as canvas and cooking equipment are concerned.  
 Standard First Class.  
 Start making your arrangements now!  
 See the May issue of *The Scout Leader*.  
 Watch for further news as plans develop.

## FIFTH WORLD ROVER MOOT 1953

Dates July 29 - August 8.  
 Place Switzerland.  
 These are the only details now available, but it is hoped that a contingent of at least Troop strength can be formed. If you are interested in attending, notify your Provincial Headquarters NOW. Transportation will be at a premium as it is Coronation year in England and we must make our bid early.  
 Watch for further news as plans develop.

## AMERICAN JAMBOREE 1953

Dates July 8 - 16.  
 Place Santa Ana—California.  
 No other details yet available.  
 Watch for further news as plans develop.

## FIRST WORLD INDABA 1952

Dates July 15 - 24.  
 Place Gilwell Park—England.  
 Any Scouter wishing to attend should notify Canadian Headquarters. Participants must make all arrangements for transportation etc., themselves. So far eight Scouters have indicated their intention to attend.  
 Consult your Provincial Headquarters or Canadian Headquarters for further details.

## VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE STAFF

Canadian Headquarters has at present several vacancies for Field Commissioners, who may be posted anywhere in Canada.

The Executive Staff in Canada is small and it is important that the present high standards be maintained. If you are interested, it is suggested you contact your District or Provincial Headquarters for an application form. For your guidance the following standards are required:

- (a) Age, between 21 and 35.
  - (b) Education—must have completed at least final year of high school or its equivalent.
  - (c) Health—Good health, physically fit and of well groomed appearance.
  - (d) Personal and Home Life—Exemplary.
  - (e) Religion—Must belong to some religious denomination and faithfully carry out his religious duties.
  - (f) Salary—Starting at \$2,400 and up depending on experience.
- In addition, the following are considered advisable:
- (a) Good Scout background.
  - (b) Administrative ability.
  - (c) Aptitude for sports and other outdoor activities.
  - (d) A background of business experience including dealings with the general public.

Please be sure that your application is directed to your District or Provincial Office as no application forms will be accepted at Canadian Headquarters from any other source.



The Lady Olave Baden-Powell, widow of our founder, who on an extended speaking tour of the United States and Canada, is visiting a number of Canadian centres. The World Chief Guide, who is also Vice-President of the British Boy Scouts Association, who is to be a visitor at Canadian Headquarters in Ottawa, on May 30th. She will later be a guest of honour at a dinner attended by Scout and Guide officials and a reception attended by Scouters and Guiders of the Ottawa area.

## Civil Defence Preparedness

*Extract from a letter from District Commissioner Morrey Cross of the Dalhousie, N.B., area.*

"You've probably read of the recent search conducted in this area for a plane reported seen by some children and thought to be the missing Maritime Central Airways craft. Sixty Scouts and Rovers assisted in the two day ground search and the attendant publicity has given our local groups a big lift. The R.C.M.P. officials on several occasions told me that the 60 Scouts carried out their part of the search in a well organized and extremely effective fashion, as against the random methods used by the 200 other men involved. We were allotted an area about one mile by four miles in dimensions, including some very rugged country with tangled underbrush and deep snow with underlying swampy ground. We fanned out at 20 foot intervals over a 1200 foot front and swept the area very thoroughly. Even with the heavy going the lads kept their intervals and were not deterred by conditions underfoot. While the search did not produce the plane it did result in a new regard for Scouting on the part of the R.C.M.P. and the community at large."

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