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CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS

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Scoutmaster Jack Young,
2nd Shale Falls Troop,
St. Matthew's Church,
Shale Falls, Ontario.

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for your letter, in which you have been good enough to tell me about your plans for the summer. I can quite appreciate your feelings; certainly you have important obligations to your family, which must be fulfilled, and having set aside two weeks in which to take your Troop to camp, you feel—and quite rightly so—that the Troop must be more or less on its own for the rest of the summer.

The solution, which the boys themselves supplied, proved the wisdom of discussing the matter frankly with your Court of Honour. Here is certainly a demonstration of the patrol system in action, and I particularly like the decision that each patrol should concentrate, throughout the summer, on patrol meetings and hikes which would be devoted largely to one phase of conservation. The fact that the Beavers chose water conservation adds a neat touch.

However, it is quite evident that the boys are going to have a busy and interesting time, with each patrol having decided on a group conservation project and, in addition, with each member of the patrol striving to earn the conservation badge pertaining to the patrol activity, all makes for a very worthwhile project. I shall be interested to hear your comments on the report which they are to submit to you at the September Court of Honour.

As you know, I shall shortly be leaving for England to attend JIM and the International Conference at Cambridge, England, which is to be held immediately thereafter.

At the Conference, all countries have been asked to give an accurate estimate of their country's contribution to the B.-P. Centenary Fund. While the response, in this country has, so far, been somewhat spotty, we are very hopeful that, by the time the Conference rolls around, we shall have a sizeable amount to report. I do hope that you have not overlooked that important fund, Jack, and that I shall have word of your Group's contribution before I leave. If we all get behind this effort, it is going to make it possible to bring Scouting to many more boys in the world—particularly in those far-away countries where Scouting is just beginning to be known.

By the way, while I am in Europe, I shall be making a flying visit to Switzerland—officially to open the Canadian Room at the International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg. We are still far short of the amount required to pay for the project but we feel that it was important to get the room furnished this year because of the many Rovers who will be touring Europe before and after JIM. Would you do me a favour and remind your Rover Crew that we still need contributions to the Canadian Room at the Chalet? Thanks.

Chief Executive Commissioner

OUR COVER PICTURE

Wherever he travels, our Chief Scout is always looking for an opportunity to talk to Wolf Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Scouters. It is a great thrill for this Cub from Montreal, Que., who was singled out during a recent visit His Excellency made to that city.



Dear Sir:

I was very much interested in the graph in this month's issue of *The Scout Leader* concerning the ratio of Cubs enrolled to the number of boys in the eligible Cub age compared to the number of registered Scouts to the number of boys in the Scout age group.

To me there is nothing wrong with the graph or with what it implies. It must be remembered that the boys of Cub age have very little choice in the matter as in most towns there are very few clubs that cater to the boy of Cub age. On the other hand the boys in the Scout age group are torn among many possibilities, *better* boys seem to remain in the Scouting movement. (In this town boys are even taken into the Army Cadets at the tender age of 11 which is against regulations.)

The graph made me look over the record in our log book. I have been with this Troop for a year but I was startled. Of the 18 Scouts registered: 15 were Sixers when in Cubs, 83%; 13 had received their second star when in Cubs, 72%. Only two boys had not been in Cubs at all.

What has happened to the boys that did poorly in Cubs? Is Scouting too difficult for the slower boy? Does a boy of Scout age need no baby sitter? Are our leaders too poorly trained? These questions are startling but I wonder if a graph concerning the above could be made up to see if the above compares with the rest of the country.

Yours truly,
H. R. Anderson, SM,
1st Vulcan, Alta., Troop.

★ We are very happy to see a good reader response to the publications of these graphs. We hope that other readers will tell us of their reaction to them.

Dear Brother Scout:

A Rover Scout of the V.K.J.B. (Catholic Scout Movement), viz Mr. A. D. M. Andree from Utrecht should like very much to enter into correspondence with a Rover Scout from Canada.

Within four months Mr. Andree hopes to leave for Montreal where he will work.

In this connection he would appreciate it very much if you could find him a pen-

friend in Montreal who is willing to correspond in the English language.

Awaiting your reply with keen interest and thanking you beforehand for your co-operation.

Yours in Scouting,
J. v.d. Graaf,
Secretary, National Scout Council,
De Nationale Padvinderraad,
'S-Gravenhage, Zeestraat 76.
Die Nederlands

★ Here is your opportunity, Scouters, to tell a new Canadian all about the part of the country you think is the best. We feel sure that Mr. Andree would appreciate all the information you can give him about Scouting in Canada and some of the other interests he should look into.

Dear Sir:

It was with a great deal of interest, that I read your article on the growth of Wolf Cub and Boy Scout membership 1921-1956, which appeared in the May issue.

The study of your graph, brought some important facts to light that did not appear in the body of the article. That because the Wolf Cub is an adolescent boy it is usually the parent, who seeing the value of the training we are giving the boy enrolls him in the Pack, and I might add, he is every bit as lonely then, as when he goes up into the Troop. In a few months he fits into the scheme of things and it is then that he enjoys Cubbing. He is still young enough that his parents make the decisions as to what he will do, and where he will go.

As this lad draws to the time when he will leave the Pack, he is three years older, and he has begun to look around him and search the horizon for new interests to take the place of the Pack.

It is quite evident from the enrollment in such organizations as the Sea Cadets, and Air Cadets, that the boy has reached the age when his parents are allowing him to choose the organization to which he wishes to belong. This shows up in your graph, particularly between the years of '39 and '52 when Scout membership took such a drastic drop.

It might well be that if our young men are not called once again to serve their country, Scouting will once more come into

its own, but for now, it seems that most boys are being attracted into organizations that supply uniforms and equipment, pay for their period at camp, and give a military training.

What the solution to the problem is, I don't know, but I would be interested in reading more articles on this subject, with suggestions as to what we as Scouters can do, and what the Movement as a whole is doing, to offset this trend away from Scouting.

Yours sincerely,
J. D. Culp, SSM,
6th Fort Erie, Ont. Troop.

Dear Sir:

Thought you might be interested to know that the Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa have recently issued an announcement in Routine Orders (dated 17 May 57) to this effect:

Boy Scout-Girl Guide Anniversary Programmes

1. The year 1957 marks two important occasions in the lives of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides—the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell and the 50th anniversary of his founding of the Scout and subsequently the Guide Movements.

2. The special events and displays held across Canada and in Europe in commemoration of these anniversaries have drawn into sharp focus the fact that a large number of officers, airmen, and their wives participate actively in Scout, Guide, Cub, Brownie and Rover training both as leaders and as committee members.

3. Accordingly, the Chief of the Air Staff wishes to commend those who are giving their time and energies to this important programme in citizenship and character building."

Most of the larger RCAF bases have a Government sponsored housing development where the dependents of the serving personnel live. Since many of the children are of Cub and Scout age and many of the airmen were formerly members of the Scout Movement, it follows that Wolf Cub Packs and Scout Troops are being formed at most centres. Officially, the Royal Canadian Air Force is extremely pleased to have its Scout programme available for training the sons of dependents in our married quarter areas.

I thought you might be interested in the text of the Chief of the Air Staff's message as you may wish to publish it in your Scouting Digest Section.

Yours in Scouting,
S/L W. M. Garnett,
District Commissioner,
Air Force Trenton Group.

★ We were very pleased to read that the Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters is recognizing the valuable contributions of their personnel to the Scouting Movement.



A Girl Guide and Boy Scout of the 1st Geraldton, Ontario, Group are shown planting a Red Pine seedling at McLeod Park, Geraldton, as part of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Conservation Programme for 1957.

Geraldton Conservation Programme

Three thousand white and red pine, some Norway pines and white spruce and a few poplar seedlings were planted this spring by the Geraldton Boy Scouts and Girl Guides under the

direction of Mr. Ki Zroback, SM, Mr. D. Skeates, ASM, and Mr. McAdam, Chief Forest Ranger.

May 25th was a special Conservation Day for Geraldton youngsters. In the morning they heard a lecture on "Conservation of Wildlife and Forest" by

Mr. McAdam and then watched a demonstration of fire fighting equipment which was sponsored by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. The youngsters enjoyed taking turns handling the hose and fire pumps.

Areas around Geraldton also came in for some Conservation treatment. In the burned out area of Suckle Lake 500 spruce were planted and the Beardmore Scouts and Cubs planted 700 red pine on the Beardmore school grounds on May 28th.

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Ioco Wolf Cubs Tackle Beach As Part of Conservation Programme

By CUBMASTER F. FEATHERSTONE, 1st Ioco Cub Pack

The Ioco Group Committee welcomed the conservation programme that was laid on for the Scout Movement last year. Here in Ioco, as in many small communities of B.C. there is ample opportunity for a conservation effort as nature is at the very back door of our towns and villages.

The area of Ioco borders on the north shore of Burrard Inlet. The Townsite of Ioco is only a matter of yards from these waters, but due to recent home building, the original sandy beach no longer was available to the people here. Actually we were cut off from the beach and as a result we had to look for another stretch of shoreline that had reasonable possibilities for development. Several public spirited citizens had tried the year before to stimulate interest in the construction of a new beach area and a small park as well. The efforts of these men had no apparent backing for the whole programme fell by the wayside before the end of the summer.

When the matter of conservation programme came to our attention, the Group Committee of Ioco and the Cubmaster, Mr. Frank Featherstone, quickly decided that here was an opportunity not only for conservation, but a development of a site that would prove to be useful for all ages.

We started the project in a step-wise manner, and decided to do only the things that were within the ability of the boys. At this stage a Scout Troop had not been formed, thus we had boys whose ages did not go over twelve years. We started with raking the rough terrain over and over, wheeling the rocks away in barrows. From the beginning it seemed possible to grade a small park area, and a strip of the beach as well. Since the regular meetings of the Cubs had been suspended for the summer months, it was agreed that the boys would come to the beach on their regular training night. This met with success as the boys pitched in with vigor, and the efforts proved heartwarming from the very beginning. Since the boys were turning out in regular force, the Group Committee followed suit. Then some of the parents came down with the lads, and then whole families were in attendance.

With a Cub Pack of about 20 boys, we were soon having turnouts in excess of 60 persons week after week. To add a little spark to the evenings

we arranged for a treat, such as hot dogs, ice cream, and cold drinks.

By the end of the summer, we had cleared a frontage of about 300 feet of beach, pushing the larger rocks to one end of the shore to form a breakwater. The remainder we carried to the foreshore and piled to form a wall so as to prevent erosion from the water during periods of high tides.

Since the bank from the high ground down to the shore rose to about 20 feet, and sharply at that, we cut a ten foot wide walkway from the park area down to the beach, ensuring that the slope was gentle enough for the little people to navigate from one spot to another. In the park area we cleared the brush, stones, and logs, then raked over it many times, for eventually we wanted to plant grass in the park.

In addition, the Group Committee felt that a few picnic tables would be of real value, so we made six of the combination type usually seen in the Provincial Parks. Here again we programmed this effort so that the boys did as much work on the tables as was possible in line with their ability. We had a double motive here, first participation in the work of the construction, and secondly we felt that work spent by the boys on the tables would in the future, have a restraining effect on them and their friends when they might feel in a destructive mood. To develop pride in the work, we arranged

for each Six to have the responsibility to sand and weatherproof a table under the guidance of a parent. When this was finished we had stencils cut, and the name of each Six placed on the table that they finished. We believe that this effort paid off for the lads have gone out of their way to care for the tables and to prevent others from carving initials and the like on the wood.

The climax to all of this came when we found that the beach and park, although in the very early stages of incompleteness, was being used by many people, and especially families. We counted on Sundays, as many as 80 persons on the ground where only a year ago there was not a soul. We also found that we gained support from the sceptics who discounted the venture as a total loss and a foolhardy scheme. It began as a modest plan and it still is. It began as a conservation plan and has grown to a community development.

The proof of this statement lies in the fact that the people of Ioco voted the continuation of this conservation program as their Centennial Project for 1958. We in the Scout Movement here are naturally pleased to see the results swinging in this manner. It is a statement of fact, that the development of this little park and beach has reached the present stage through the conservation program and the efforts of the boys. Through Conservation we were able to reach the adults, and we do believe that the Cubs should be given full marks for stimulating interest of this project in their homes.



“. . . So we'll stick to regulation dress as long as I'm wearing the pants around here!”



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Scarborough Troop Cops Many Honours

We have just been reading about the action packed programme of the 3rd Scarboro West Group of the greater Toronto region which ran September 1956—May 1957.

Their many accomplishments include winning the Scarboro West Area Camporee Trophy for 1955-1956 and the distinction of being the only Troop to win an 'A' pennant at the Camporee. The troop was also awarded at the field day the Area Cup for the year 1955-1956.

The Troop has the honour of sending First Class Scout Ed Kdaska, PL of the Nighthawk Patrol, one of the two Scarboro district representatives, to the Jubilee Jamboree to be held in England. Of the three Scarboro Area representatives going to the 4th National Jamboree at Valley Forge, two of them are 3rd Scarboro West Scouts, Troop Leader Ken Baird and Patrol Leader Dave Bassett of the Beaver Patrol.

This Troop is very lucky indeed for they have their own Scout hut and camping ground near Minden in the Haliburton Highlands.

Peterborough Scouts Collect 100 Tons Scrap

More than 100 tons of scrap metal was collected by Peterborough Scouts and their fathers in their efforts to raise enough money to send four Scouts from the city to the Jubilee Jamboree in England.

The May 21st blitz drive rounded up such things as antique bed springs, brass beds, lawnmowers, washing machines, hot water tanks, old radios and typewriters.

Several firms donated the use of thirty-five trucks and the Peterborough Metal Co. bought the scrap from the Scouts.

Hamilton Scout-Guide Parade Really Outstanding

It was a wonderful and thrilling day for the 10,000 Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides who participated in the biggest Hamilton event of the year, the annual parade of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations of Hamilton and district.

The whole City turned out on June 1st to watch the nineteenth gala marchpast of freshly scrubbed and smartly dressed youngsters grinning from ear to ear. Flags waved. People cheered. Pipe bands, bugle bands, and brass bands played, 14 of them altogether. Three different police escorts, made up of the Mounted Police, Provincial Police and City Police accompanied the parade.

Commissioner L. H. Nicholson of the R.C.M.P., who took the salute, commented, "It was really the most outstanding parade I've ever witnessed. It was wonderful to see so many happy children enjoying themselves."

"A notable feature of the parade," he said, "was the all-out support given the youngsters by the City officials. It is good to see Scouting and Guiding so recognized." He also remarked how strange it was that other Scout and Guide organizations hadn't adopted this parade idea.

Among the official viewing party was the acting mayor of Hamilton, members of the Board of Control, prominent Hamilton business men, as well as the provincial and federal Members of Parliament for the Hamilton districts. The reviewing stand was on the City Hall steps.

Six Hamilton theatres played hosts to the children following the two hour parade. Ice cream and soft drinks were apparently well received.

Shirt Tape to be Yellow

Boy Scout shirts are to receive some added colour. The green 'Boy Scout—Canada' tape is being changed to yellow. Shirts with the new yellow tape

are now being sent out but for a while Scouts will be receiving shirts of both types. This is unavoidable. The green-taped shirts will not be exchanged nor is it feasible to rip off the old tape as the new ones can not be acquired separately.

The Commissioner's Bulletin— Valuable Idea

From New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, we have recently received a copy of a mimeographed publication entitled "The Commissioner's Bulletin".

In this publication, District Commissioner Don Smith draws attention to several important points in the programme and either tells where help may be obtained or offers to be of service himself. For example, here are a few extracts from this Bulletin.

Conservation: The bulletin points out that the Conservation Theme is simply 'Good Scouting' put in different words and is not difficult to implement.

Early Closing: "We would encourage every Scouter to keep units running as long as possible in the Spring and then maintain contact with the boys on and off during the Summer".

Stamps for Scouting: "A very small effort in any Pack or Troop (even a small one) would produce 10,000 used stamps. Multiply this by 30 Sections and you have over a quarter million stamps. Think what we can do if we really try—lets make it a million this year".

Rescue Works "With Summer coming and with it fishing, swimming and boating, there is an attendant danger of drowning accidents. We would suggest that every Scouter make it a point to see that his boys are given instruction in the Holger Nielson method of Artificial Respiration and on general Water Safety routines".

Cycling: "What about a special course on the Cyclist Badge for Cubs and the Despatch Rider Badge for Scouts now that the cycling season is here. An ounce of prevention is worth two or three pounds of cure where boys and bicycles mix".

Scouts Row to Rescue at Night

The Summerlea Boy Scout Troop spent a weekend at the Crippled Children's Camp at Ayer's Cliff on Lake Massawippi last May, for the purpose of clearing the grounds and preparing a campsite. Unexpectedly, they had an opportunity to do another good turn as well.

Shortly after midnight, cries for help were heard from the lake by younger boys who were tenting out on the hillside. True to form, they were far from sleep. At first the Scouts assumed that someone at the hotel across the lake was playing a prank, but further screams galvanized them into action. A rowboat stored in one of the dormitories and a gas lantern were hastily pressed into service. Without delay, a crew of strong swimmers and the Scoutmaster took off, rowing with oars improvised from planks. Calls from the victims of the accident urged the rescuers on. Visibility with the lantern uncovered was only a matter of yards. Even when it was covered with a coat, and eyes adjusted to the gloom, intense concentration was necessary to make out the surface of the water and any break in the ripples on its surface.

Just as the first sign of movement in the black water ahead was noticed, the roar of a motor boat was heard off to one side. A dory followed, rowed by the owner of the capsized launch. The two victims were quickly lifted into the motor boat, and it roared off to the hotel. The owner of the launch asked for assistance in righting it. With the help of the Scouts this was soon done, and the rest of the rescue party returned to the camp lodge. A fire and steaming cocoa restored damp and chilly spirits, and before long all tumbled thankfully into bed.

Next morning it was found that the teen-age victims had recovered, with the help of artificial respiration on the girl. The launch had a gaping hole in its side, apparently from collision with a deadhead, and its windshield had disappeared. The driver of the rescue motor boat was the camp director,

whose home was across the lake from the camp. He had been fortunate in being able to find a boat gassed up and ready to go at an adjoining cottage.

M. L. Wood, Scoutmaster, Summerlea Troop.

Good Turn Done at Bonnyville Camporee

A Baden-Powell Anniversary Camporee was held over the May 19th week-end at Eastbourne Beach on Mosoe Lake, Alberta by the Beaver Valley District Scouts and Cubs.

The 47 Scouts who were guests of the Second Bonnyville Group, had a busy week-end. They took part in competitions based on the First Class Scout Tests, heard lectures on Conservation, Camping and Badge work; went on a nature style treasure hunt and followed hot on the heels of Stuart Lang, Grand Center, as he blazed a trail through the bush.

The Beaver Valley Cubs, 80 of them, joined the Scouts on the holiday Monday and took part in a ball game and a scavenger hunt. Following this each group put on a Jungle Dance.

The Good Turn of the week-end took place on Sunday when the Scouts helped a party of four who were stranded on the beach when the lake got too rough Sunday evening. They dried the party, served them soup and returned them to their own camp at another part of the lake.

50 Tons Paper Collected

Fifty tons of newspapers, magazines and cartons were collected by more than 500 Rover Scouts, Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs of the Fredericton district in their campaign to eliminate easily-inflammable material from homes.

On three successive Saturdays, the Scouts under the direction of the Fredericton District Council of the Boy Scouts Association went from door to door. The campaign was sponsored by the Fredericton Fire Department.

The paper is to be sold and the proceeds will be used for Scouting activities in the district.

"The whole thing was a wonderful success," Fire Chief Harold F. Doherty commented, "and it certainly rid the city of a lot of potential fire hazards."

Canon W. J. Clarke to be Contingent Chaplain

One of Lord Baden-Powell's first Scouts, Rev. Canon W. J. Clarke, has been appointed a chaplain to the Jubilee Jamboree being held in England this August.

Canon Clarke has a long record of scouting. In 1909 he attended the rallies in Glasgow and Crystal Palace. He holds a service medal and bars for over 40 years of leadership. Lord Baden-Powell personally presented him with the Silver Acorn, the Medal of Merit with two bars and a Golden Swastika Cross.

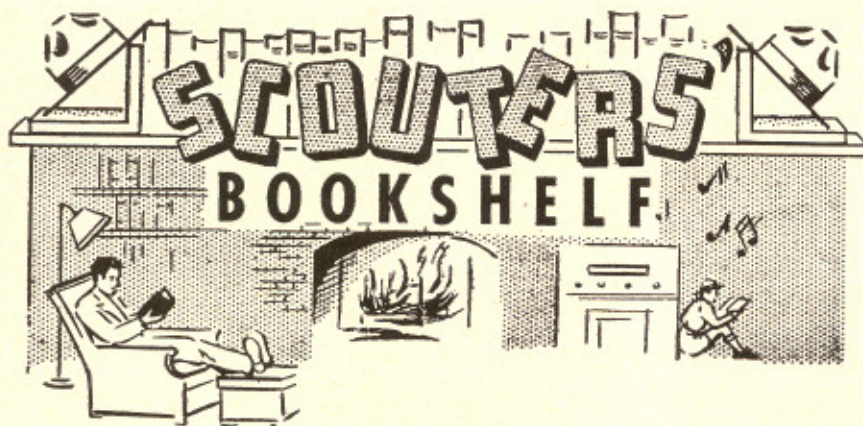


Kentville's Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Guides were honoured on May 21st with the visit of Canada's Governor-General, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey. Kentville's mayor, Mrs. Gladys M. Porter, M.B.E., is shown above with the Governor-General inspecting the Scout formations.

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In this anniversary year there has been much written about Lord Baden-Powell in book and article form. The author has successfully embodied in this little book intensely human and often humorous anecdotes of the life of our Founder from his early days at home and school until his death in Kenya on January 8th, 1941.

He divides his life into two sections—his first life with his army career and his second life which began with the founding of the Boy Scout Movement, and his very happy marriage.

A man thoroughly gifted in many things, the book is aptly illustrated with the Chief's own drawings. In good readable print and of a size that appeals to boys, this book should interest all members of the Movement.

It is an exciting story of one of the greatest men of the century. Leaders will find it invaluable for yarn material for their Cubs and Scouts.

The Land and People of Norway.

By John Dent. Published by Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, London. Price \$1.25.

Another in the Land and People Series introduces the land and people of Norway. The historical background and present day conditions are so blended to fill the reader with an irresistible desire to visit this charming land where towering mountains, deep green valleys, rugged sea coast, long cold winters and brilliant summers embody many varied modes of living in one small country. Perhaps it is from the very grandeur of the mountains, but Norwegians seem to have achieved a serenity in their every day approach to life which is appealing in comparison with our hustle and bustle standards. The lack of the word "sir" in their language indicates the equality of all.

Great thinkers and readers they are, too, industrious, friendly and fun loving.

Their love of the outdoors is so great that every family skis in the mountains in the winter and moves from the city to a 'Lyatta' or hut in June to enjoy the sun and their summer sports of swimming, fishing and sailing.

Beautifully illustrated with four colour plates and other pictures this little book offers much enjoyment.

27 Years with Baden-Powell. By E. K. Wade. Published by Blandford Press, London.

This is a delightful personal story of Lord Baden-Powell, his wife, and children written by his confidential secretary. Told in a highly entertaining manner it reads as a novel, and one finds oneself eagerly reading from chapter to chapter as the Scouting and Guiding story unfolds around these two very remarkable Chiefs. Too, one is treated to intimate glimpses of the Chiefs with their children, pets and gardens at their beloved home, Pax Hill.

The reader cannot help but be inspired by the untiring devotion of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell to Scouting and Guiding with the constant organization, correspondence, and travelling to all parts of the globe that was involved.

Mrs. Wade, from her own long and devoted experience, gives us real insight in the Chief's character—his tireless industriousness, cheerfulness, patience—'dogged does it'—and great humanity help one realize more than ever the true greatness of this man.

Interspersed by inimitable personal letters written by both Chiefs to Mrs. Wade while on their many travels, and illustrated with the Chief's own drawings and added photographs this book must not be missed in this centenary year.

Easy-to-Make Outdoor Play Equipment. By Reginald R. Hawkins. Published by The Macmillan Co. Price \$2.95.

This book gives detailed instructions for the building of 40 varied pieces of play equipment for children. The author covers thoroughly the material needed and provides step by step directions with clear, precise illustrations.

Many items here would interest the boy of Cub or Scout age when development of the physique is so important. These include chinning bars, horizontal ladder, climbing gym, a log pile bolted together and various swings.

This book is highly recommended as instruction for project work on individual badges.

How to Make a Miniature Zoo.

By Vinson Brown. Published by Little, Brown & Company (Canada) Ltd. Price \$2.75.

This is a fascinating book which deals with the planning and operation of a small home zoo. Within its pages one finds detailed instructions for building a zoo, aquarium or bird cages. Included are explicit facts concerning the capturing, habits and care of any insects, fish, mammals, amphibians, reptiles or birds with which you may choose to stock your zoo. With all the instructions are interesting detailed illustrations by Don Graeme Kelly.

This is an ideal book for a Scouter or Scouts for a summer project for the Troop or individual badge work.

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Mafeking Cadet Corps Veteran Recalls—

Mr. Henry Donald Hammond of Cape Town has more right to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Boy Scouts this year than any pukka Scout; he and 11 other boys gave Lord Baden-Powell the idea of forming the Movement in those hard horse-eating days of the Mafeking siege.

A man of 70 now, Mr. Hammond remembers the day when he, then a boy of 14, and two fellow postal messengers were summoned to B.-P.'s headquarters. (Three days earlier they had been sent home because all communications to the town had been cut).

'Boys', Lord Baden-Powell told them, 'I'm calling you up, the three of you and some schoolboys. There's no work at the post office and the school has been closed—if I don't call you up you'll just run wild.'

'So I'm forming you into my cadet corps.'

Mr. Hammond and his two colleagues John Rentzke and Gerald Gates and nine schoolboys were selected for the corps, and Lieut. Warner Good took command of them.

He assigned each cadet to an officer and soon they were running errands and carrying messages from point to point in the besieged town. One of their most exciting jobs was the nightly one of taking the password to the outposts.

'Great fun—and a sense of importance and responsibility—it gave us,' Mr. Hammond recalls.

Then, eight months later, Mafeking was relieved. The corps was disbanded and back went the schoolboys to their books and Mr. Hammond and his friends to the post office.

But this was not to be the end of the story.

Soon after peace was proclaimed Lord Baden-Powell returned to Mafeking, and the cadet corps turned out again for the occasion to form a guard of honour.

B.-P. looked them over proudly, then addressed them. 'Boys', he said, 'the good work you did for me during the siege shows what you can do in the future to be useful citizens.'

Then he added the sentence that was soon to have world-wide significance. 'Your cadet corps', he said, 'has given me the idea to form a boy scout movement.'

And not long afterwards the Scout Movement was born.

Mr. Hammond still recalls with affection his memories of Baden-Powell.

'He was always smiling, always chivalrous, even in his attitude towards his enemies. Adaptable too—he was among the first, if not the first, to eat horse meat when that became necessary in the siege.'

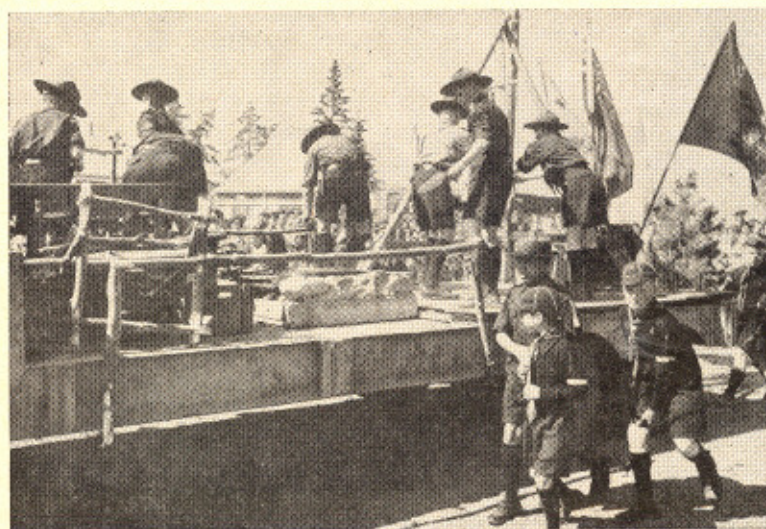
'And once he fooled me completely—he came out of his office disguised as an old man, beard and all.'

'I'll never forget B.-P.'


From "The Cape Argus"
Capetown, South Africa.
March 9th, 1957.






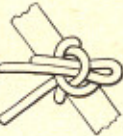
Seventeen Indian Boy Scouts of Prince Albert will be completely outfitted with Scout uniforms as the result of an appeal made in Regina by Don Slade, special events director of radio station CKCK. Don Slade is shown above sorting the various articles of Scout clothing.



Scouts and Cubs of the 1st Whitehorse, Y.T. Group copped first prize in the May Day celebrations with their unusual 'pan-cake making' float. The onlookers didn't seem to have any trouble downing the pancakes made by the Scouts and handed out by the Cubs.



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PART V PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

This is the final article in the series which has briefly outlined the duties of the various Departments at Canadian Headquarters together with a biographical summary of members of the Staff.

The Publications Department at Canadian Headquarters handles the editing and technical production of handbooks, periodicals, and other published information materials on Scouting in Canada. Pamphlets are the responsibility of the Relationships Department, and office forms are produced by the Administration Department.

During the year 1956, over 536,000 pieces of printing were produced by the Publications Department. This included not only regular issues of the magazines, but titles such as "Conservation Good Turn" and the Annual Report.

The growth of circulation figures for the magazines reflects the activity of the Department and the growth of the Movement. Circulation of *The Scout Leader* increased from 12,300 at the end of 1955 to 13,425 in June, 1957.

The circulation of *The Junior Leader* increased from 13,300 at the end of 1955 to 14,645 in June, 1957.

Copies of both magazines go to over 50 countries, on an exchange basis, forming an important link with world-wide Scouting.

The Rover Rambler, a new quarterly magazine, was introduced in October, 1956, following the instructions of the Executive Committee. The object of this publication is to provide specialized training and idea material for Rover Scouts and Scouters in Canada, and to encourage a greater growth in Rover Scout membership. The response to the new publication has been encouraging, and it appears to be filling a need. 2,800 copies of each of the first two issues have been circulated.

The Scout Executive, a mimeographed monthly publication directed to members of the Executive Staff, carries news and information to professional Scouters in the field.

The circulation of the journal, *World Scouting*, published by the International Bureau, is the responsibility of the

Publications Department, and the more than 800 copies mailed out each month are subsidized by the Canadian General Council. The Executive Commissioner (Publications) is a member of the Publications Advisory Committee of the Boy Scouts International Bureau.

Thus, the periodicals published and circulated by the Publications Department keep Scouters, Scouts and Cubs in Canada and abroad informed about Canadian and world-wide Scouting activities.

To a large extent the Publications Department depends on Scouters to provide news items which form the basis of most of the feature articles published. Accounts of new projects, of traditional activities with a fresh approach, and stories with human interest are always welcome. Photos accompanying such news items are useful, and should be selected for clarity and simplicity if they are to be reproduced in the magazine.

The "Letters to the Editor" pages in the magazines provide a more intimate medium of exchange and the many contributors each month are helping to make the magazines representative of every aspect of the Movement.

The Publications Department provides Canadian members of the Scout Movement with the major texts and reference books necessary to enable them effectively to carry on. Frequent revision results from changes due to research carried on at Headquarters, and new developments in the field.

For instance, during the past year, major revisions have been completed in "Policy, Organization and Rules" (new edition published January, 1957). New tests have been added, and important changes in policy, such as the lowering of age levels, and rewording to increase clarity have all had the close supervision of the Canadian General Council. In turn, other handbooks which depend on "P.O.&R." have had to be similarly altered to conform.

"Tenderpad to Second Star"; "Tenderfoot to Queen's Scout"; *The Scouters' Camping Guide*; "The Stores Department Catalogue"; "The Proficiency Badge Reference Book" and the Commissioners' Handbooks are in process of amendment. In some cases, proofs are run of a preliminary revision and sent out to key Scouters asking for comments and criticisms. When these are returned, it is the task of the Publications Department to integrate new suggestions and make corrections before the final revision is produced.

The Publications Department also handles the publication of numerous wall-charts and Certificates, and the reprinting of certain standard works, as needed, such as "Aids to Scoutmastership" and "Scouting for Boys".

In October, 1956, the Canadian Library Association conducted a survey of the Library at Canadian Headquarters, and made recommendations concerning its organization and development. A Librarian was engaged in the Publications Department to carry out the proposed changes. In addition to books on Scouting and related fields, a photo collection is being included in the Library. Designed to bring together all available photo material on Scouting in Canada, this collection will be of considerable historical as well as reference value.

George Beers, Executive Commissioner (Publications) was appointed to his post in July, 1956. He had previously been Assistant Executive Commissioner (Publications) since 1950,



MR. GEORGE N. BEERS

and editor of *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader*.

Mr. Beers was born in Campbell's Bay, Quebec, and educated in Ottawa and Montreal. Prior to the war he was employed in the Legal Department of the Canadian National Railways in Montreal and with the Lake Saint John Power and Paper Company at Dolbeau, Quebec.

During five years service in the Royal Canadian Navy, Mr. Beers was on active duty in the North Atlantic, Bermuda, the English Channel and Canada.

After the war, Mr. Beers attended the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Que. and graduated with his B.A. degree.

Mr. Beers first entered the field of journalism while in the Navy, when he became a contributor to the Navy magazine "The Crow's Nest", and to the Scout column in the *Halifax Chronicle*. While at University he acted as district correspondent for the

Montreal newspapers, *The Gazette*, *The Star* and *The Standard*. He was a member of the University Board of Publications for three years.

Mr. Beers has been active in Scouting as a Cub, Scout and Rover in Montreal. As well, in Halifax he became a member of a Deep Sea Rover Scout Crew. As a Scouter, he served in every section of the Movement and is at present a Scoutmaster in Ottawa. During the summer of 1956 he was on the staff of the Sea Scout Rendezvous at Lakefield. During the Canadian Jamborees in 1949, 1953 and the World Jamboree of 1955 Mr. Beers was in charge of Canteen Services. At the First and Second Rover Moots he was editor of daily newspapers.

Mr. Beers is married and the father of a daughter, Janet, who is a Girl Guide, and a son, Arthur, a Wolf Cub.

Other staff in the Publications Department consists of Mrs. Edith Adamson, B.A., B.L.S., Librarian; Mrs. Judith Harwood, B.J., Secretary, and Mrs. Margaret Fournier, Secretary.

Cape Breton Dayboree Features Competitions

To celebrate Scouting's 50th Anniversary, Cape Breton's 1,500 Scouts and Cubs participated in an island wide Dayboree held in Sydney on Saturday, May 25th.

The day's events featured a Scout Troop's Parade and competitions between the many Troops and Packs. The marchpast salute was taken by R. A. MacGregor, Provincial Commissioner for Nova Scotia.

The Scout Troop competitions included a "Fire Lighting and Water Boiling" contest in which patrols, up to seven members, were entered. This contest involved the building of a regulation tripod out of Scout staves and then boiling the water in a 48 oz. fruit juice tin. Only one hand axe was permitted but each Scout was allowed to have a clasp knife or a hunting (sheath) knife if the blade was not over five inches; if the two matches that were supplied went out, then the team was eliminated. The other Troop contest was the "Flag Staff Building" event. The towers, were built out of 11 staves which were again supplied by the Scouts. Two Patrols were entered as a team in the contest.

The Cub Pack competitions consisted of a book balancing relay and a dodge ball elimination game. In the first event teams of 'two sixes' were entered and in the second, teams of 'six' were entered.

Boys who participated in one event were not allowed to enter another, in this way every boy was able to join in and have fun.

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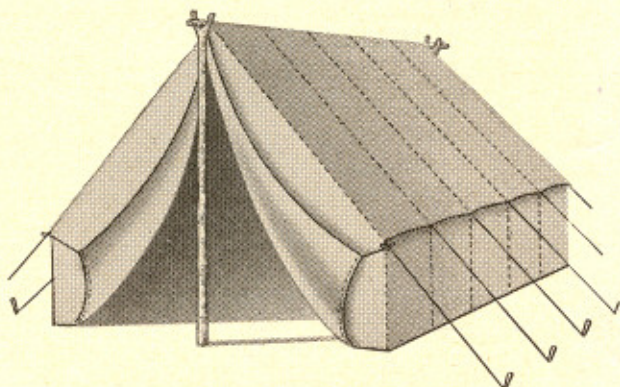
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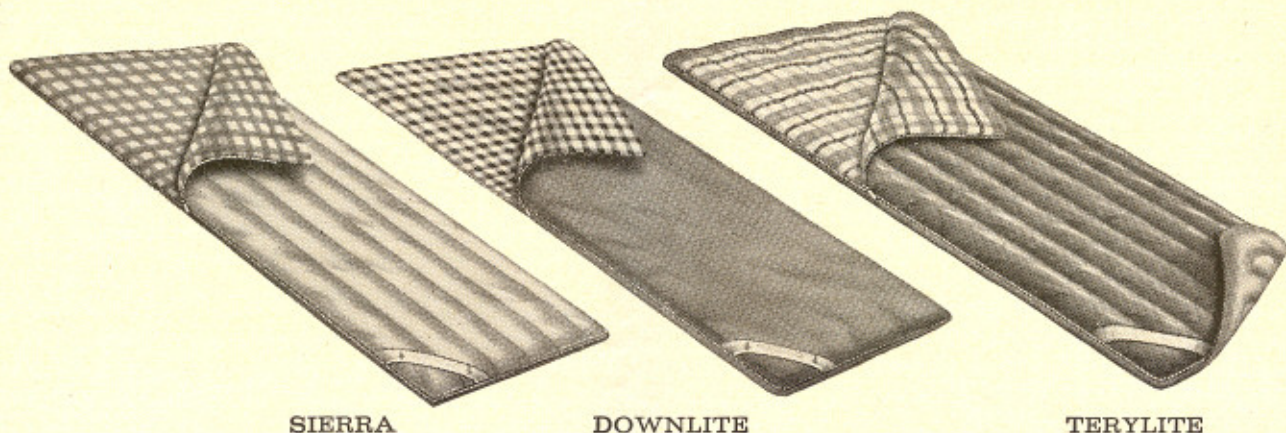
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Oshawa Sea Scouts Have Adventure Packed Week-end

By DON HOULDEN, SSM, Oshawa, Ont.

Boys Chip Paint, Find Deserted and Decaying Buildings, Plow Through Flooded Swamps, and Hear Yarns of Veteran Skipper

White Cloud island, lying off Georgian Bay some thirty miles north of Owen Sound, rests deep in mystery and legend. Here and there, amidst deep swamps and wild treeless moors are the remnants of schools, homes and barns long deserted these many years. With their roofs gone or fallen in and their windows staring with unseeing eyes at a darkened sky, they meditate on the glorious past and on the strange stories of the island.

To this island, during the last week-end of May, came sixteen leaders and boys of the 8th Oshawa "Port" Sea Scout Troop on their annual Patrol Leaders Weekend. As guests of the 9th Owen Sound Sea Scout Troop they put off from the port of Owen Sound in a 48 foot cabin cruiser piloted by an experienced skipper of the lakes. The Oshawa boys, like true sailors, scrubbed the deck, chipped paint, repainted, cooked the meals in the galley, acted as helmsmen and kept the craft ship-shape. Needless to say, they enjoyed every moment of it.

The trip to the island was uneventful. Five boys took turns at the wheel, while their brother Scouts studied complex charts, topographical maps and plotted the course with determination. When the Government pier at White Cloud island came into view, the Scouts sounded the depths all the way into the pier. Thus the boys got the experience of using the lead line in unfamiliar waters.

After making fast to the pier, they prepared dinner, explored, and prepared for their afternoon ramble into the island. At this time, the cruiser carrying the sixteen members of the Owen Sound Troop arrived. The Oshawa Scouts then went off on their own.

Ramble to Remember

The ramble was one that every Sea Scout will remember. In the coves around every bend, behind each clump of trees, were deserted buildings, rusting ancient automobiles, washed-up boats, and deserted pathways. No better setting for a mystery novel could be selected.

Cutting across the island the boys found a swamp or fen befitting the Amazon. Jumping from tree root to grass mound, they barely had time to notice the luxurious vegetation, countless deer and small animal tracks that surrounded them. Using compass and chart, (which did not show marshy ground), they got themselves out of the difficulty only to enter into an area which was flooded to the depth of three or four feet. Undaunted, the 8th marched through the flooded area bearing the discomfort of wet feet until they reached the opposite shore.

At this point the Crew were two miles from their ship. With the aid of a lifeboat that was found abandoned on a shoal off shore, the Scouts arrived back at the base.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in shorter rambles, boating either on rafts or in lifeboats, and painting the cruiser.

Finds Deserted Buildings

However, the two Sea Scoutmasters rambled further afield. Crossing the island amidships in search of a long abandoned school house, they suddenly came across a wind-swept, grass moor which rose upwards to a crest and a half-erect group of deserted buildings. The scene was one that easily might have been transferred to a Conan Doyle serial of Sherlock Holmes; it had rugged beauty, sombre reality of change and decay and an underlying mystery which thrilled both men.

Leaving, the Scouters plunged once more into the forest and soon discovered further buildings dotting the dense underbrush, each with their creaking door and dimly lit interior complete with rotting furniture, scattered books and broken chinaware.

When the Sea Scoutmasters returned a tasty supper was waiting after which both Troops prepared a mass campfire. However, this was rudely interrupted by a sharp and lengthy squall which drove both Troops onto their respective ships.

The hour-and-a-half wait turned into a thrilling experience by the reminiscences and yarns spun by Jack Stoutt, our civilian skipper. Recalling adventures, calamities, and mysteries of

Georgian Bay, he took the boys (and leaders) with him into another age and kept all spell-bound. It was with reluctance that the company saw the rain stop and heard the Skipper give the instruction to proceed to the campfire.

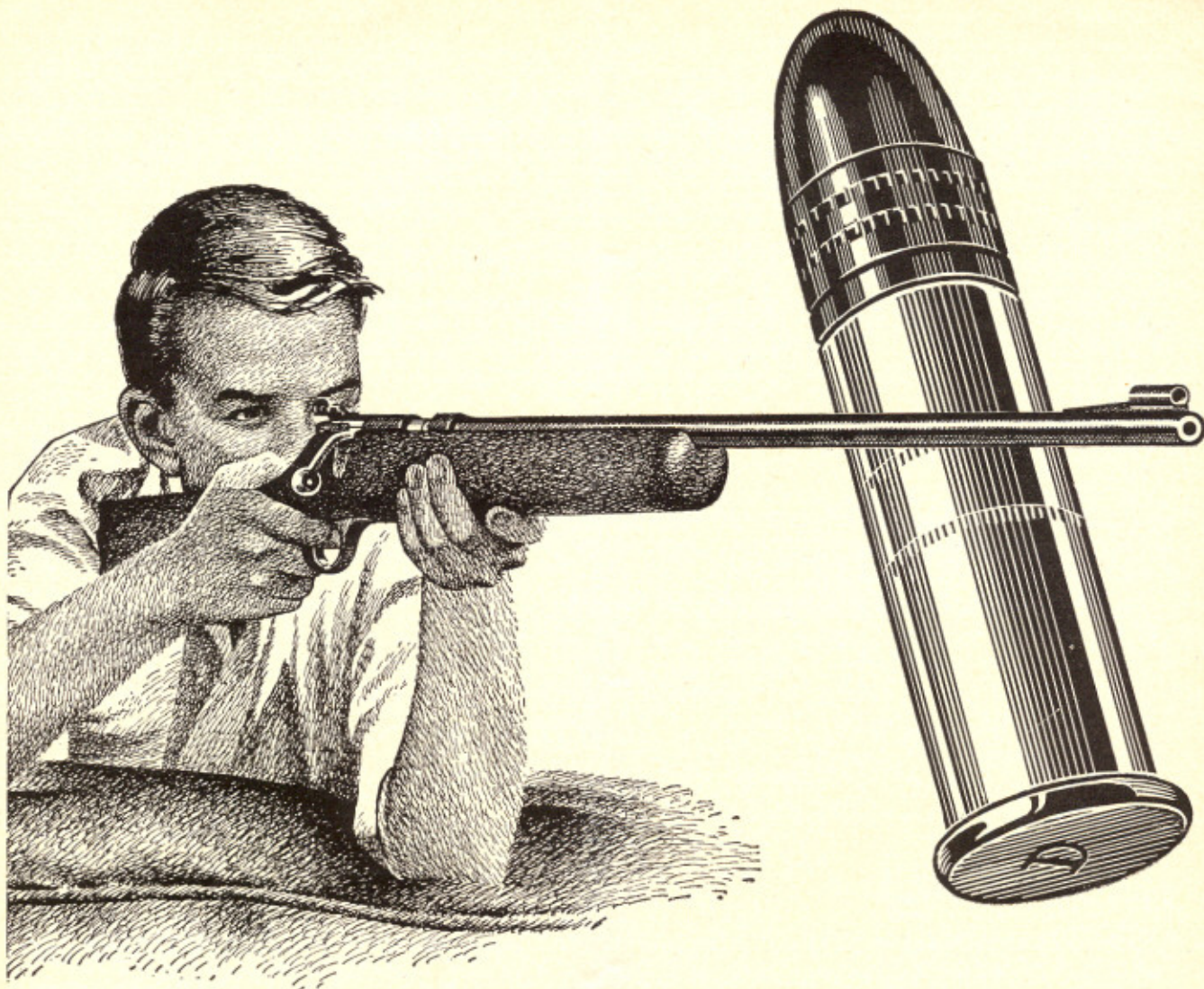
The campfire was directed by Skipper Horton of the 9th Owen Sound, and featured sea shanties, nautical songs and many favourites of both Troops. Skipper Horton spoke briefly of the 4th Scout Law and ended his remarks with a word of sincere welcome to the 8th Oshawa Port Troop. Skipper D. A. Houlden of the Oshawa Troop replied and commended the Owen Sound Troop not only for adhering to the principles of the 4th Scout Law, but also by being living examples of that Law.

Symphonic Echo of "Taps"

Rain ended the campfire, and night fell. The last distinct sound was that of the bugle playing "Taps". Each note, as it was heard, added to a richer harmony of sound in echo, until the whole island hummed with the complete symphony. It was a most inspirational experience and one that will be long remembered.

Sunday morning dawned bright and calm. The bugler sounded "Reveille", and both Troops hopped out of bed. Breakfasts were quickly prepared, downed and cleaned away. Inspection followed. In full uniform, both Troops wended their way to a hill overlooking the bay in which the ships were moored, to worship God. After Service, both Troops enjoyed a game of "snatch the flag", while their leaders cleared brush for a summer campsite. Then came dinner and departure. With shouts and fog-horns booming, the 8th started down the long sounds and bays of the Bruce Peninsula full of happy memories of exciting adventure, Sea Scouting and with a better understanding of what Scouting is, does and means to those who sincerely follow its precepts.

To Sea Scoutmaster Philip Horton of Owen Sound, his boys and to the two skippers of the cruisers we acknowledge our indebtedness and extend our sincere 'thank-you'.



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ANNUAL REPORT 1956

(A SUMMARY)

of the Executive Committee
of the Canadian General Council

of

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

For the first time in many years the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian General Council was held outside of the city of Ottawa. At the request of the President, Mr. Rhys M. Sale, this year's Annual Meeting was held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on May 10th.

On the nomination of His Excellency The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor-General of Canada and Chief Scout, Mr. Rhys M. Sale was re-elected President of the Canadian General Council for his fifth term, Mr. R. C. Stevenson was re-elected as Vice-President of the Canadian General Council and Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., was re-appointed Deputy Chief Scout. Major E. C. Woolsey of Ottawa was elected Honorary Vice-President. Other officers re-elected were Honorary Secretary: Capt. Barry German, Ottawa, Honorary Treasurer: E. A. Royce, Ottawa, Honorary Counsel: Capt. D. K. MacTavish, O.B.E., Q.C., Ottawa International Commissioner: Earle T. Moore, Montreal, Chief Executive Commissioner: Fred J. Finlay, Ottawa.

The Annual Report presented by Mr. Sale to His Excellency gave a comprehensive picture of Canadian Scouting during 1956.

A tribute was paid to His Excellency for his continued interest in the Movement and to Mr. Dodds for his inspired leadership in his seventh year as Deputy Chief Scout. Attention was also drawn to the outstanding services Mr. Dodds gives as Honorary Vice-President of the International Committee.



One of the highlights of the two-day meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee was the fine programme presented by the 120th Toronto Handicapped Group, under Akela Mrs. Ruby Buesnel. In the restricted area available in the Royal York Hotel this Group demonstrated some of the programme ideas which has made Scouting so appealing to those who are working with handicapped boys.



Mr. Rhys M. Sale, re-elected President of the Canadian General Council.

A Tribute To Volunteer Workers

"The Census for the year ended on December 31st last shows that there were over 20,000 leaders of Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Rover Scout Crews in Canada. At an absolute minimum, this represents well over four million hours of time given voluntarily in the interests of the youth of Canada. This does not include the thousands who give their time on Committees and as Examiners and Instructors.

To this vast army whose volunteer efforts are the backbone of Scouting and without whose help Scouting must surely fail, the Canadian General Council is pleased to acknowledge its great debt and to pass to them its most grateful thanks."

SECOND CANADIAN ROVER MOOT

The New Brunswick Provincial Council was the host to the Second Canadian Rover Moot held near Sussex, New Brunswick from August 29th to September 2nd inclusive. Dr. S. A. Hopper was Moot Chief. Highlights of the programme included a tour of Fundy National Park, a Sea Food Buffet Lunch, Rover Skills Competitions, Discussions on Rover Affairs, a Parade following Church in Sussex culminating in a tree planting ceremony at Sussex Park, and a boat trip on the Bay of Fundy.

The Moot was attended by 439 Rover Scouts and Scouters representing the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and La Federation des Scouts Catholiques de la Province de Quebec. Included in this number were representatives from the Boy Scouts of America and four members of the Canadian Headquarters Staff. Prince Edward Island sent observers to the Moot.

The Executive Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to the New Brunswick Provincial Council for conducting this Moot on behalf of the Canadian General Council, to the Government of the Province of New Brunswick for the support and assistance they gave, and to the citizens and Town Council of Sussex for their wonderful welcome and hospitality.



The International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg, Switzerland.

INTERNATIONAL CHALET— KANDERSTEG

It has long been felt that Canada should furnish a room in the Chalet to be known as the Canadian Room. In 1956, this project was undertaken by the Rover Scouts of Canada. In November furnishings of Canadian Maple were shipped, along with curtains carrying the Coats of Arms of all provinces and a relief map of Canada. The total cost was approximately \$1,800.00 to which just over \$460.00 has been subscribed to date.



CONSERVATION THEME

The record of achievements is not yet complete but a separate report will be made to the Chief Scout and presented separately.

We are indebted to the press, radio, and TV for the wide coverage given to the "Good Turn"; to the Quebec Federation of Fish and Game Clubs and the Canadian International Paper Co., for the presentation of educational booklets, to the Pulp and Paper Industry of Canada for making possible the publication of the organizational booklet, "Conservation Good Turn"; to the Ontario Provincial Government, Department of Planning and Development for the publication and distribution of a booklet, "Conservation Badges".

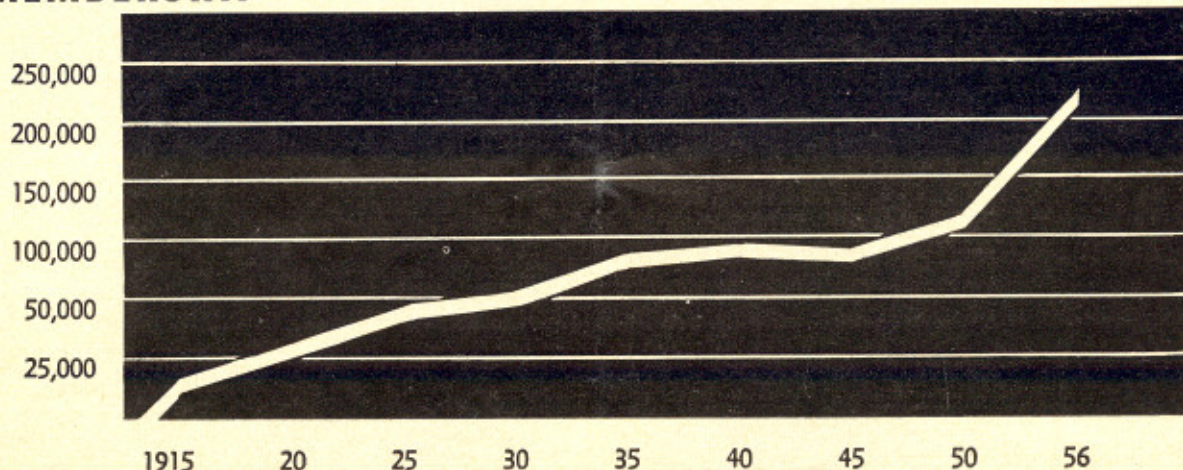
As a Scout conservation measure 40 Norway Pines were planted to act as a windbreak and dust screen for the Island Park community swimming pool at Woodstock, Ontario. The two Scouts above, Arthur Patterson and Gordon King are members of the 6th Woodstock United Baptist Church Group.



THE STAMP SCHEME

Used postage stamps for the Boy Scouts International Bureau continue to arrive almost daily at Canadian Headquarters. A number of Packs and Troops are successfully using the collection of used stamps as a part of Inter-Six or Inter-Patrol Competitions.

MEMBERSHIP



GROUP AFFILIATIONS

	Over-seas	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. & N.W. Ont.	Sask.	Alta. & N.W.T.	B.C. & Yukon	La Fed	Total 1956	Total 1955
CHURCHES														
Anglican	-	4	3	35	26	44	304	48	17	37	82	-	600	560
Baptist	-	-	1	24	15	3	66	5	4	10	11	-	139	129
Hebrew	-	-	-	2	3	6	15	3	1	1	2	-	33	28
Latter Day Saints	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	40	4	-	53	49
Lutheran	-	-	-	1	-	-	13	7	9	12	6	-	48	45
Presbyterian	-	1	2	7	3	8	108	12	4	13	17	-	175	171
Roman Catholic	-	18	3	31	43	24	170	14	15	33	26	348	725	666
Salvation Army	-	13	1	7	2	3	47	3	2	7	14	-	99	95
United	-	15	1	50	24	24	300	63	35	47	66	-	625	597
Joint Churches	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	-	2	-	-	13	-
Others	-	4	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	7	11	-	33	34
SCHOOLS														
H. & S.—P.T.A. Schools	-	-	2	9	8	4	65	9	10	21	-	-	128	-
Trg. Schools	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	9	-
Indian Schools	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	3	1	-	9	-
Orphanages	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
SERVICE CLUBS														
Rotary	-	-	-	-	1	1	34	1	2	1	-	-	40	-
Lions	-	2	-	1	-	1	49	3	1	10	-	-	67	-
Optimist	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	1	-	-	17	-
Kiwanis	-	-	-	3	1	-	15	1	2	-	-	-	22	-
Kinsmen	-	2	-	-	-	-	18	2	1	5	-	-	28	-
Others	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	35	-	38	-
CIVIC GROUPS														
Legion	-	1	5	5	6	2	28	14	21	11	31	-	124	99
Elks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	10	-	-	17	-
Boards of Trade	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	8	6	-	-	24	-
Women's Institutes	-	-	4	-	2	-	12	2	-	2	-	-	22	-
Clubs	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14	-	-	15	-
Others	-	-	4	-	2	2	-	5	3	10	-	-	26	-
HANDICAPPED														
Blind	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Deaf	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Crippled	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	-	9	-
Mentally Retarded	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	8	-
ARMED SERVICES														
Navy	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Army	3	-	-	1	-	4	6	4	-	4	-	-	22	7
R.C.A.F.	5	1	-	2	2	9	14	4	2	5	-	-	44	7
Joint Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	38	173
Community	-	15	1	39	32	113	337	61	74	66	192	-	930	988
	8	78	27	226	176	257	1665	276	220	382	581	348	4244	3953

RELATIONSHIPS DEPARTMENT

The Relationships Department was created to strengthen the relationships with present sponsors, and to help develop a wider variety of sponsoring organizations, to keep pace with the expansion of the Movement.

CAMPING

Province	Registered Camps		Total Boys In Camp		Total Camper Days	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Nfld.	33	27	941	513	8,147	4,341
P.E.I.	13	13	524	555	3,479	4,347
N.S.	38	38	1,373	1,529	13,044	12,330
N.B.	63	46	2,000	1,681	15,000	14,597
QUE.	36	30	2,365	2,500	26,742	26,000
ONT.	394	278	30,583	11,849	136,162	51,598
MAN. & N.W. ONT.	72	44	1,814	1,490	10,358	10,773
SASK.	39	24	817	615	6,588	5,704
ALTA. & N.W.T.	111	86	2,169	1,879	14,569	12,404
B.C. & YUKON	111	84	2,279	1,655	14,874	10,515
LA FEDERATION	574	523	11,467	9,735	113,685	102,371
	1,484	1,193	56,332	34,001	362,648	254,980



Training Courses

The Training Chart reveals an increased participation in most types of courses. The total number of certificates issued was 7,024, as compared with 5,466 in 1955. Of the 1956 total, 3,955 were issued for Preliminary Courses, 738 for Wood Badge — Pack Courses, 675 for Wood Badge — Troop Courses, and 70 for Wood Badge — Crew Courses. In addition, 1,586 certificates were issued in connection with Specialization, Commissioners' and Scouting Explained courses.

B.-P. Centenary Fund

At its meeting in London, Ontario, in October, 1956, the Executive Committee authorized the establishment of a B.-P. Centenary Fund to which all Cubs, Scouts, Rover Scouts, Leaders and all former members of the Movement are invited to contribute. The fund is to be turned over to the International Bureau as part of a world-wide scheme to help promote Scouting in underdeveloped countries.

1956 was the 40th Anniversary of the birth of the Wolf Cub Section of the Movement. Many birthday parties were held by Packs throughout Canada. These boys are from a Montreal, Que., Wolf Cub Pack.



STATEMENT OF CENSUS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1956

Provinces	Wolf Cubs	Boy Scouts	Lone Scouts	Sea Scouts	Rover Scouts	Rover Sea Scouts	Grand Total Boy Members	Adult Leaders	31 Dec. 1956 Total	31 Dec. 1955 Total
OVERSEAS	486	149	—	—	—	—	635	61	696	458
NFLD.	1,120	1,698	—	—	30	—	2,848	215	3,063	2,893
P.E.I.	779	431	20	—	—	—	1,230	128	1,358	1,218
N.S.	5,152	3,424	64	8	26	—	8,674	861	9,535	9,068
N.B.	3,724	2,800	41	49	186	—	6,800	720	7,520	7,162
QUE.	8,293	4,023	34	135	213	28	12,726	1,165	13,891	12,355
ONT.	58,918	26,963	—	998	1,705	144	88,728	8,948	97,676	86,572
MAN.	9,060	3,315	52	29	58	—	12,514	1,199	13,713	13,244
SASK.	4,961	3,085	150	53	35	—	8,284	802	9,086	8,210
ALTA.	10,899	5,220	63	26	97	—	16,305	1,560	17,865	16,144
B.C.	17,223	7,373	10	241	275	—	25,122	2,742	27,864	25,235
LA FED.	4,842	7,519	—	—	758	—	13,119	2,222	15,341	13,850
TOTAL 1956	125,457	66,000	434	1,539	3,383	172	196,985	20,623	217,608	—
TOTAL 1955	111,336	61,649	446	1,333	3,041	167	177,972	18,437	—	196,409
INCREASE	14,121	4,351	—	206	342	5	19,013	2,186	21,199	—
DECREASE	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PERCENTAGE	12.68	7.05	2.69	15.45	11.24	2.99	10.68	11.85	10.79	—

SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

Through voluntary contributions from Packs, Troops, Crews, and individuals within the Scout family the Brotherhood Fund has been maintained in its position to provide material assistance within its terms of reference. We were happy to be able to send a donation of \$500.00 to our brother Scouts in Austria to help in the relief work they are doing following the Hungarian crisis.

Statement of receipts and expenditures for 1956 follows:

Receipts	
Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$ 929.63
Donations during 1956	819.49
	<u>\$1,749.12</u>
Expenditures	
1st Pioneer Group, British Columbia—Loss of material and equipment by fire	\$ 47.35
International Scouting re Hungarian Relief (plus bank exchange)	500.65
	<u>\$ 548.00</u>
	<u>\$1,749.12</u>
Balance as at 31st December, 1956	1,201.12

TRANS-CANADA REPORTS



of the Province. For the first time it has been possible to arrange field trips in this area, and it is expected that each year it will be possible to travel farther afield along this coast. Our most northerly Scout Group exists in the small village of Nain, where both English and Eskimo boys attend the same Scout Group.

training The Training of Leaders was given top priority, and it was found possible to hold the 4th Newfoundland Wood Badge Course when ten Scouters of the Province earned their Part Two Certificates. The Camp was under the direction of the Provincial Commissioner, and was held at the Corner Brook District Campsite.

conferences Progressive plans for the Association were discussed and adopted at the 2nd Newfoundland Provincial Conference held at Corner Brook early in the year, when some 40 delegates from all sections of the Province attended.

projects Conservation also played an important role in Scouting circles throughout the Island and Labrador. While only two Groups earned the Conservation Awards for 1956, much time, work, and interest was put into the effort. Tree planting for the Municipal Government of St. John's, projects for the Provincial Government, as well as work and effort on behalf of Churches, Schools, and Communities showed that Cubs and Scouts in Newfoundland were well aware of the importance of the 1956 theme, and undoubtedly 1957 will see greater individual strides by all sections.

A hearty Newfoundland welcome will be extended to those en route to the Jubilee Jamboree in August 1957, and a sincere invitation is extended to all.

NEWFOUNDLAND

membership and organization We are happy to report another successful year in the growth of the Movement, which has now reached well over 3,200.

The Island has now been divided into five major Districts, whose areas are determined by the Island's natural geographical boundaries, and include many of the important cities and towns.

Labrador with its ever increasing Scout population, now boasts seven active Groups, and it is planned to establish yet another District in this section

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



membership and organization The year 1956 proved to be an active one in the Province of Prince Edward Island with emphasis being placed on the role of the Sponsoring Body and the importance of a properly working Group Committee in each Group. The results have been quite satisfactory with more support being given to more Scouters than ever before. This has resulted in another general increase in our membership. We now have 1,358 members compared with 1,218 a year ago.

training It is encouraging to note that more Scouters are taking recognized training courses each year. Sixty-five percent of our Leaders have taken either Preliminary Training Courses or Wood Badge Courses. This is resulting in better Scouting in the Province.

conferences Special activities included the annual Provincial Track and Field Meet and the annual Scouter-Guider Ball.

camping Camping again proved to be the highlight of the year. 524 members attended registered camps for a grand total of 3,479 camper days. In addition, there were several short term Troop camps.

projects The Conservation "Good Turn" theme provided the incentive for more outdoor Scouting in nearly all Groups. While reports indicate that most Groups did not reach the standard recommended, we are satisfied that a great deal was accomplished and look forward to another year featuring this important work.



NOVA SCOTIA

membership and organization Membership in the Province showed an increase of 459. An analysis shows that the number of Cubs and Scouters increased considerably but the number of registered Scouts declined by 134.

A District Council was organized in Digby bringing the total number in the Province to twenty.

training In 1956 special emphasis was placed on training in Nova Scotia. Twenty-three Training Courses were held in various parts of the Province, three of which were Special Courses on Conservation. Forty-six candidates received Part II Certificates, the largest number ever to attend Wood Badge Courses in Nova Scotia in one year. One hundred and seventy Bronze Arrowhead Certificates were presented during the year, and thirty-one Patrol Leaders attended a Silver Arrowhead Course, twenty-eight receiving certificates.

awards The Fifth Annual Queen's Scout Ceremony was held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber. Seventy-nine Queen's Scouts were presented with parchments by Brigadier H. V. D. Laing, who officiated at the ceremony at the request of the Lieutenant-Governor. The Queen's Scouts were guests of the Provincial Council in the evening at a dinner which was attended by parents and special guests.

conferences The First Annual Provincial Scouters' Conference was held Thanksgiving weekend at Kentville. The programme, prepared in consultation with all District Commissioners, proved appealing and instructive to the 201 Scouters and wives who attended. During the weekend a Gilwell Reunion Breakfast was held for Wood Badge Scouters.

camping During the summer forty-four registered camps were held with a total of 1,036 Scouts, 305 Cubs and 222 Scouters attending. The Halifax District held the first of what is to be an annual event, a two- or three-day Winter Camp during the Christmas Holidays.

projects Conservation activities were carried on throughout the Province. A special booklet, prepared in the Province with the co-operation of qualified people, was issued to every Scouter. This described in detail Conservation Projects applicable to the Province.



NEW BRUNSWICK

organization Last year we completed our District organization placing every Scout Group under the jurisdiction of a District Council. This year we have zoned the Province and appointed Assistant Provincial Commissioners to supervise the extension of the Movement in the various zones.

training The Provincial training team has conducted training courses in many Districts, in both French and English. It is our plan now to develop our training teams, first on a Zone basis and, as more trainers are available, on a District basis. Part II Courses were held in the Province for Troop and Pack Scouters. A rugged Silver Arrowhead Course was held near Fredericton with 25 Scouts from six Districts attending.

awards The Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremony was held in May. Lieutenant-Governor D. L. MacLaren, P.C., presented certificates to 150 Queen's Scouts, 50 more than the previous year. One of the highlights of the Ceremony was the awarding of certificates to two Indian Scouts from the Maliseet Reservation.

conferences The highlight of the year was the Second Canadian Rover Moot held from August 29th to September 3rd, with over 400 Rover Scouts attending from across Canada.

A Rover St. George's Day Mootette was held in April and 110 Rover Scouts from all parts of the Province attended church at Bloomfield and after the Service discussed plans for the 2nd Canadian Rover Moot. George Beers, Executive Commissioner (Publications), C.H.Q., was the special speaker.

The fourth Scouters' Conference held at Fredericton was enjoyed by over 200 Scouters and their wives. George Simmons, Executive Commissioner (Administration), C.H.Q., was a welcome guest.

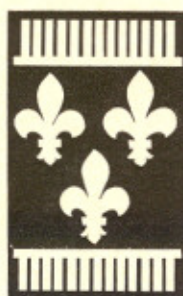
In October at Fredericton, all Commissioners and Presidents and members of our training team attended a special conference to plan for the future development of the Movement in the Province. We can see the benefits of this conference in the strengthening of our Districts, the expansion of the Movement into new fields, and by far the most important development, the taking of training to every District in the Province.

camping We have experienced our best camping year, having held 63 registered camps with approximately 2,000 boys in camp, with a total of 15,000 camper days. Our camp observers visited most of the 63 camps and reported to Provincial Headquarters a high standard of camping with an improvement in camp cooking and camp hygiene. Two Districts had all Scout Troops in the District attending camp.

projects The activities in the Conservation field were many and varied, and received interest and support from all our people.

The manning of Pollen Collection Stations in nearly all Districts for three months, with some Troops working on ragweed elimination, was one of the important projects undertaken. Others were the cleaning up and landscaping of cemeteries, tree planting and clearing brush, stream improvements, constructing and erecting bird houses and feeding stations, hiking to streams for lamprey eel elimination, collecting paper salvage, cleaning up woodlots, dam building, cleaning picnic sites, trimming trees, and painting and decoration. Added to this were visits by Fish and Game and Forestry people to Scout Camps and a visit by Cubs to animal farms.

We are most appreciative of the co-operation received from the New Brunswick Forest Service, the R.C.M.P., the Canadian Army and our own Canadian Headquarters.



QUEBEC

membership and organization Membership had risen to nearly 14,000 by the end of the year which was an increase of just under 2,000 over the previous year. 1,100 of the 14,000 are Scouters.

Expansion into new communities is imminent as overtures have been received from Seven Islands and Knob Lake in northern Quebec.

training The Training Committee reports that 1,229 adult leaders, both uniformed and lay people, have taken training; six Scouters attended and qualified at the Canadian Scouters' Training Course, later joining the Training Team; a special course was held for Commissioners at Camp Tamaracouta and proved very successful. Two of our Executive Staff and two volunteer leaders attended the International Training Team Western Hemisphere Conference at Mendham, N.J. Three hundred and six Patrol Leaders qualified for Arrowhead courses compared with 220 in 1955.

awards For the first time our Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremony was held in Quebec City, at the invitation of the Lieutenant-Governor. Nearly all the 155 Queen's Scouts eligible were present and received their certificates from him in the Legislative Council Chamber of the Parliament Buildings, and were addressed by him afterwards.

Several Scouting centres enjoyed the benefit of a visit from Gilwell Camp Chief, John Thurman, when he addressed Councils, service clubs, etc. Several Scout Groups entertained or visited Troops of American Scouts both at home and in camp, and interchange is now a regular annual event wherein visits are returned within the year. Camporees achieved the same results in a different form.

conferences Our 20th Annual Scouters' Conference was held at North Hatley over Thanksgiving week-end. More than 230 Scouters and supporters from 23 of our 26 Districts attended this inspirational and instructive conference. Dr. Gunnar H. Berg of the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America and G. G. Purkis of Canadian Headquarters were our guest speakers.

camping Thirty-eight camps were registered during the past summer and recorded 26,742 camp-days. Attending at least two of these were visiting Scouts from the United States, and one of the camps was used by Estonian-Canadian Scouts, Cubs, and Rovers. Winter camping is still very popular, and use of the Lodge at Camp Tamaracouta as a base for outdoor activities continues throughout the fall-to-spring season. Again, this year, a winter camping course was conducted for Scout Leaders. The first session was held in town dealing with "theory", supplies, etc., and the second session was an over-night camp which emphasized indoor and outdoor activities.

projects The development of Conservation projects adapted to local needs is receiving careful attention.

Scout Groups throughout the province sold a special Scout calendar, the proceeds being divided equitably between the Sections or Groups and the Association. More than 26,000 were sold.



ONTARIO

membership Our membership continues to increase and has risen from 86,594 to 97,676, an increase of 12.8%. The most encouraging aspect of this growth is the fact that the increase in leaders has kept pace with the total advance.

training With the appointment of an Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Training and the formation of a Provincial Training Committee, we have realized increased activity in this field.

Regional and District Training Committees have been formed wherever possible and an active investigation of training needs is under way.

Eight Part II Wood Badge Courses were conducted, three Pack Scouters, three Troop Scouters, one Sea Scout, and one Rover Scout.

blue springs scout reserve The development commenced in 1955 was finished in 1956 with the completion of the Frank C. Irwin Memorial Chapel. This chapel was officially opened by the Provincial Executive Committee at a meeting held at the Reserve.

We were pleased to welcome the Canadian Scouters' Training Course held at Blue Springs in August.

awards There were eight Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremonies held in 1956, and for five of these ceremonies we were privileged to have the Honourable Louis O. Breithaupt, LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, officiating. For the other three ceremonies Mr. John Thurman, Mr. R. C. Berkinshaw, and Commissioner L. H. Nicholson, R.C.M.P., officiated. A total of 799 Queen's Scouts received certificates at these ceremonies.

conferences Many Rover Moots, both Summer and Winter, were held. St. George's Day re-unions were also held at Regional and District levels.

The first Provincial Rover Leaders' Conference to be conducted in this province was held at Camp Samac during March.

154 Ontario Rovers and Leaders attended the 2nd Canadian Rover Moot in New Brunswick.

The annual Sea Scout Rendezvous, held at Winona Rifle Ranges in July, provided a wealth of experience from a boat trip in a Fairmile to a minor hurricane.

Commissioners' and Presidents' Conferences—These conferences continue to be an annual event in all Regions. Many are of two days' duration. Discussions of general problems at these affairs help in the work throughout the province.

projects The Conservation Good Turn was participated in generally and reports indicated a varied list of activities. Tree planting, provision of bird feeding stations and nesting boxes, cleaning up a neglected cemetery, clearing debris from river banks, clearing farmers' fields after a hurricane, trimming municipal woodlots, building dams and bridges, and assisting in the reclamation of an historical site were some of the projects reported.

The boys have assisted the various Conservation Authorities in their work and have, in many cases, received assistance from these organizations in the form of instruction.



MANITOBA and N.W. ONTARIO

membership and organization Although we cannot report growth in all Sections, the Wolf Cub Section is still forging ahead, and the Boy Scouts and Rover Scouts, while showing a decrease, are maintaining their programme.

Special emphasis has been made to effect better liaison between Sponsor and Group Committees and Leaders through interchange of reports and visits.

training Preliminary Training Courses held led to the granting of 469 Certificates and eighteen Wood Badge Parchments to Scouters completing advanced training.

awards The annual Queen's Scout Recognition Luncheon and Presentation of Certificates was held in October. Premier D. L. Campbell presided and received 66 of our 74 1956 Queen's Scouts. Following the ceremony, 42 Scouts attended a week-end Queen's Scout Camporama at our Memorial Campsite.

Long Service awards totalling 420 years of efficient and continuous service were granted.

conferences Scouters' conferences were held at the Lakehead and at Brandon. A Rover Scout "Mootet" was held over Thanksgiving week-end, and we are indebted to John MacGregor, Executive Commisisoner (Training), C.H.Q. for his participation.

Combined rallies and parades with our sister organization were held throughout the Council.

project The "Marathon" Scout Forest was the most spectacular conservation project of the year, and others, begun or in the planning stage, will be followed through in the coming year.

SASKATCHEWAN

membership and organization Steady growth in membership has been the pattern during the past year, reaching a total of 9,061 as compared with 8,210 for 1955.

Considerable emphasis is being placed on the formation of District Councils, two new ones being established this year. Twenty-two new Groups were organized, most of them in previously established Districts.

training A total of sixteen courses of various types was held, at which 415 leaders, Group Committee personnel and Council members, received training, and enjoyed a visit from John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park.

awards Sixty-six qualified for their Queen's Scout Certificate, with 51 being present at the annual Queen's Scout recognition ceremony, held at the University of Saskatchewan. Certificates were presented by the Lieutenant-Governor, and a banquet followed, with John Fisher as guest speaker.

Scout Gordon Foster, a member of the Scout Troop in the Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital in Regina, was awarded the "Cornwell Scout" Badge, one of Scouting's highest distinctions.



Gordon has exemplified everything best in Scouting during ten years of suffering, endearing him to everyone who comes in contact with him.

We are also proud of Lone Scout Leon Stovern, who was awarded the Medal for Meritorious Conduct, for his timely rescue of four young boys who were in danger of freezing to death. To the twenty other Scouters and Scouts who received recognition, we extend congratulations and best wishes.

conferences The Third Annual Provincial Scouters' Conference was held at the University of Saskatchewan on the theme of "Jubilee". Dr. Spencer Elliot, who was a Scoutmaster in Yorkshire, England in 1908, was our guest speaker, and told us of his experiences in the early days of Scouting.

Commissioner conferences were held to discuss the problems facing those holding appointments.

camping During the 1956 season 817 Scouts and 108 Scouters enjoyed camping experiences. An interesting travelling camp was held by the Mildren and Herschel Groups. Considerable work was carried out at the Provincial Campsite to prevent erosion of the shore line, and the area was replanted with grass and trees.

projects Conservation projects were carried on by many groups, and many more were planned for next year.

Our monthly publication "Saskatchewan Scouting", with Mr. Allan Turner as its able editor, continues to flourish.

Lone Scouting, under the direction of Assistant Provincial Commissioner E. F. MacPhail, is growing rapidly. A successful camp for Lone Scouts was held at Prince Albert, with Scouts from many parts of the province present.



ALBERTA and NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES

membership and organization The demand for Scouting continues to grow, as reflected in the increase in membership of 10.7% to a new high of 17,865, with thirty-two new Groups being formed.

In an effort to cope with this growth considerable emphasis was placed on the organization of new District Councils. Ten such Districts were formed during the year, bringing the total to 25. 85% of the Scout Groups in Alberta are now under the jurisdiction of District Councils.

training To bring Training to the large number of new Scouters, the Training Team was formed during the year. Twenty-eight Training Courses were conducted on a local level, with 548 certificates being awarded.

In addition, Alberta was host to the Prairie Gilwell Part II Wood Badge Courses, attended by 89 Scouters from the three Prairie Provinces, Northwest Ontario, and the Northwest Territories.

awards During the year three official Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremonies were held at central locations, at which the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Dr. J. J. Bowlen, presided.

camping Summer camping reached a new high, with over 2,000 Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers participating in 111 registered camps. International visits were exchanged between Medicine Hat and Havre, Montana, and between Lethbridge and Great Falls, Montana. An International Troop is in operation at Coutts-Sweetgrass, where Canadian Patrols join regularly in Troop meetings with United States Patrols, each working on its own national standards.

provincial tour Once again Assistant Provincial Commissioner C. S. Matkin made a tour of the Mackenzie District, this year travelling with officials of the Department of Northern Affairs. Fifteen places were visited, and, as a result, three new Groups were formed.

projects Conservation projects and plans are well under way. Organizational work has begun on a Provincial Jamboree in 1958 and the Third Canadian Rover Moor in 1959.



BRITISH COLUMBIA and the YUKON

membership and organization Membership gains followed the upward trend of recent years. An encouraging feature was the slight percentage increase of Scouters to boys, 11.6% for Scouters, and 10.2% for boys. In all, 1,736 sections included 27,864 members, as compared with 1,579 Sections and 25,235 members in 1955.

Two Districts were divided to meet the needs of increased membership, in the Peace River and Chilliwack-Hope areas. Three new Districts were formed, one covering the pulp and paper centre at Ocean Falls on the Coast, another centered about Nakusp on the Arrow Lakes and the third at Terrace, on the C.N.R. line, ninety miles east of Prince Rupert. In Burnaby, the two Districts are being reorganized, resulting in five new Districts in the southern section and three in the north.

training Scouter training continues to be emphasized and interest is growing especially in the more advanced fields of Scouter training. Four Part II Wood Badge Courses were successfully conducted, two Cub and two Scout. Of the Scout courses, one was the first Weekend Part II Course to be given in B.C. It was held in the Fraser Valley, and it enrolled twenty-three trainees.

awards Highlight of the Provincial Council's programme for the year was the first Provincial Queen's Scout Ceremony, held at Government House in Victoria, at the invitation of The Honourable, the Lieutenant-Governor. Two hundred and forty-six boys, from most parts of the Province and the Yukon, were the guests of The Honourable, the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Ross at a luncheon at Government House prior to the ceremony. Later in the day, the Government of British Columbia tendered the Queen's Scouts a dinner in the Empress Hotel. The homes of citizens in Victoria were opened to billet the visiting Scouts. Through the kindness of Rear Admiral H. F. Pullen, Scouts from the mainland were transported aboard HMCS "Sussexville". Sightseeing in the capital and a swim in the Empress pool rounded out a two-day programme.

conferences The Canadian General Council's Executive Committee Meeting in Vancouver in January 1956 launched the Scout year. The premiere showing of the Eighth World Scout Jamboree film was a highlight of the occasion. Memorable addresses were given by Mr. N. F. Pullen, a leading businessman in the field of Public Relations, and Mrs. H. R. Retallack, Canada's first lady to be awarded the Silver Acorn.

District Officials' Conferences were held at Cranbrook and Vernon, with Provincial Commissioner D. F. Kidd presiding, and at Penticton with Provincial President L. C. Way in the chair. These conferences, held at intervals at strategic points in the province, continue to prove of mutual help to District and Provincial Officials alike.

camping There were 111 registered camps in 1956, as compared with 84 in 1955, enabling 2,279 boys to enjoy a camping experience.

projects While the formal reports on the Conservation effort were greatly below the number expected, various accounts from many sources reaching Provincial Headquarters indicate that there has been a widespread interest in the programme. As the theme continues through 1957 it is expected that there will be stepped-up interest in this important phase of Cub, Scout, and Rover training.



La FEDERATION des SCOUTS CATHOLIQUES de la PROVINCE de QUEBEC

membership At the end of 1956, *La Federation* included 4,842 Cubs, 7,519 Scouts, 758 Rovers and 2,222 Leaders of all ranks, that is to say 15,334 members divided into 23 dioceses including 534 Sections.

training During the year, we have registered 574 camps of over three nights, thus allowing 11,467 boys to complete 113,685 camping-days. Scouting facilities in the domain of camping represent for our society an appreciable saving, while, from every point of view, permitting the boys to improve themselves in the preparation of their future part as citizens.

Twelve courses were organized on a diocesan basis, and, during the summer, *La Federation* held four preliminary training courses and two Wood Badge courses with over one hundred candidates. One Scout training camp of 23 Leaders was held in the Sudbury region for French-speaking Leaders of North-Ontario. This first experiment met with real success.

Besides traditional training camps, Headquarters, in 1956, took new initiative in the teaching of unit skills by organizing appropriate camps. A great number attended and the experiment was encouraging.

The Polar Bear Camp, a four-day course held under canvas in very cold weather, was held for the second year. Twenty Leaders took part in this specialization course.

At *Bourg Louis*, in the diocese of Quebec, the Cub section organised its first technical camp on songs, folks dances, Scouts' plays, etc., for an important group.

A special orientation camp was held at *Bourg Louis* for about fifty leaders of the Scout section.

In August, at *Camp Iberville*, about 30 Scouts, 15 to 17 years of age, were taught archery, boating, orienteering, pioneering, etc., while also learning how the Patrol system works. This first experience met with real success and will be repeated.

conferences Every year *Les Journées Fédérales* takes place at Labour Day week-end. Over 500 Leaders, Chieftains, Rovers and Chaplains gathered at *La Colonie de Vacances "Les Grèves"* to enjoy interesting discussion on civicism and its repercussions on Scout Leaders both in their personal life and their educative mission.

About the same time, nearly fifty Rovers attended the Second Canadian Rover Moot at Sussex. Mr. Roland Bourret, lawyer of Montreal, acted as assistant camp-chief. The gathering was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and we hope that the next meeting has the same brilliant success.

publications A new book for the Scout branch was published by Headquarters; its name is: "*Viens . . . chez les scouts*" and it is the complement of *Cibles* previously edited for Scouts preparing for their Second and First Class.

Also for the Scout branch, a book of 75 pages, on Leaders' preliminary training, has had a second edition. Other useful publications continue to be distributed in increasing quantities.

For the seventh consecutive year, a Scout calendar of 12 pages in four colours, has been offered to the public. 60,000 copies were printed and their distribution took place in October. The calendar represented a substantial source of income for our Headquarters.

An English edition of this calendar was prepared and distributed by the Provincial Councils of Quebec and Nova Scotia. It reached a total sale of 100,000 copies.

international relations In regard to international relations, *La Federation* last June, sent a delegate to the International Conference of Catholic Scouting in Scotland. Similarly we were represented at the Pan-American Conference of Training at Mendham, N.J. last October.

We wish to express thanks to the Headquarters' staff of the Canadian General Council for its kind co-operation.



THE SALVATION ARMY

membership and organization An increase in membership now brings the number to 998 Scouts and 2,138 Cubs. It is hoped that steady increase will continue.

training A number of Salvation Army Scouters received Preliminary Training Course Certificates, and the Gilwell neckerchief and Wood Badge were earned by two Scouters during the year.

awards One of the happy highlights of the year was the honour which came to The Salvation Army in presenting to Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Mundy, Territorial Headquarters, of the Silver Wolf Award. The Colonel had oversight of Salvation Army Scouting for many years, and Scouts and Scouters throughout the territory shared in the pleasure and the honour of this special award.

conferences The annual Scouters' Conference was held at The Salvation Army's Camp at Jackson's Point. A most successful series of meetings and demonstrations were enjoyed by the Scouters.

camping During the summer, the usual camp periods were conducted in the various divisions throughout the territory.

projects A successful handicraft exhibition was conducted in Toronto when 2,300 items were displayed, showing the skill and effort which young folk of the metropolitan area demonstrated through the medium of handicraft. Mr. Bert Mitchell, Executive Commissioner, Metropolitan Toronto area, was in attendance at the opening of the exhibition, and brought greetings from the Association.

It is good to have the opportunity again this year to express appreciation to the Association for the ready assistance and co-operation received at all times. The value of The Boy Scout Movement is receiving greater emphasis, and a steady stream of literature which comes from The Boy Scouts Association's Headquarters provides a way to promote and promulgate the wonderful merits of the Movement.

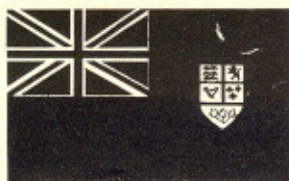
OVERSEAS GROUPS

membership and organization Scouting for the sons of the Canadian Servicemen stationed on Army Camps and Air Force Stations in Europe has grown from a start of 21 Cubs and 6 Scouts in August 1953 to a grand total of 696 at the end of 1956.

There are Canadian Scout Groups on the R.C.A.F. Stations at Metz, Marville, and Gros Tenquin in France, and at Zweibrucken and Baden-Soellingen in Germany. The Canadian Army Camps at Soest and Hemer in Germany both have Scout Groups.

The activities of the Overseas Groups follow the familiar pattern of Scouting anywhere in Canada plus the additional dividend of carrying on their Scouting against a backdrop of historical associations. Visits and camps in nearby countries play a vivid part in the experiences of these boys.

Both the Army Scouting and Air Force Scouting have the full support and co-operation of the Commanding Officers, Brigadier R. Rowley and Air Commodore Clements respectively.



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