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## BIG CHIEF SCOUT PLEADS FOR BOYS

Lord Byng Tells Toronto  
Business Men of Oppor-  
tunity in Scouting—Gave  
Human Talk.

(New York Times.)  
"I do tell you that this scouting is something which, to my mind, we all want both to take a hand in and give every possible encouragement to."  
That is what Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada, thinks of the Canadian Boy Scout and the organization which made the existence of that scout possible. Simple words, those, but coming, as they did, at the close of an intensely earnest and characteristically human talk to one hundred and fifty prominent Toronto business and professional men, gathered last night at "Hollywood" at the guests of Sir Joseph and Lady Flavelle, they carried conviction to every one who heard.  
Automatically on his becoming Governor General, Lord Byng became Chief Scout for Canada. His Excellency's words of last night were a betrayal of the fact that his occupancy of that position is far from titular.  
"The question about Boy Scouts seems to me to be answered by again asking yourselves a question," stated His Excellency. "What do we Canadians—because I am a Canadian, please, want? A happy, contented Canada. What does that mean? Do we want to get up and talk about Canada and her railways and waterways? No. We want to get down to the dear old bed rock of Canadian citizenship. Keep our minds in that channel and we are going to make this country everything possible that can be done by human hands and hands."  
The whole object of scouting and kindred organizations for boys and girls, continued Lord Byng, was to build up citizens. The very fact that Canada was still in the growing stage made the task

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at once one of greater necessity and one of comparatively greater ease. This is a country in which scouting is needed. The funny old country from which I come is old. Society there is rather hidebound to start anything new. Here we are going to build, to make. And how, except by building with citizens? Need of Scoutmasters  
His Excellency then went on to tell of the growing pains which bothered the scouting movement in its early days in the old country. He had always considered that Sir Robert Baden-Powell was something of a lunatic for starting the thing, and that he himself was considerably more of a lunatic in offering to help. They had got into messes, but, like the Prime Minister of England, had managed to scramble out on one side of the hole or the other. One of the most



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serious difficulties encountered was that of securing scoutmasters.  
Lord Byng then proceeded to tell a story about a local policeman. In a village where there were fourteen scouts the local constable was a gentleman whose intelligence was bounded at one end by the north end of the village street, and at the other by the south end. But he had one saving grace—he was fond of boys. Result, the policeman became the village scoutmaster and the boys became his devoted friends. And one difficulty was surmounted. Carrying his illustration to meet the situation in Canada, Lord Byng stated that he did not believe the difficulty of



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securing scoutmasters—insurmountable and that in every community there was someone who was a natural leader of boys. Part of scouting's task was to discover that man.  
J. E. M. Stewart, the newly elected provincial commissioner, expressed the feeling of the gathering when he stated that His Excellency in devoting such a large portion of his time and interest to scouting, was doing a great service to the future citizenship of the country. Dr. J. W. Robertson, chief scout commissioner for Canada, outlined some of the aims of the organization and stated that there were now 36,000 scouts in Canada. The aim was 100,000 and he felt that it would be realized. J. W. Mitchell, provincial president, from the chair thanked Sir Joseph and Lady Flavelle for their hospitality.  
Following the meeting, His Excellency held an informal reception. Lord Byng left on the night train for Ottawa.

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**RECENT DEATHS**  
**Thomas A. Comeau**  
Thomas A. Comeau of Moncton, a well known commercial traveller and formerly in Moncton dry goods houses, died on Tuesday. He was a brother of Louis Comeau, late of Shediac. Another brother is Dr. F. X. Comeau of Carleton Place. The other surviving brother is Victor of Los Angeles, California. One sister, Mrs. Alfred LaPointe, Tracadie, survives. Mr. Comeau was born in 1860 at Peter Roche.

**Was 99 Years Old.**  
The death occurred on Sunday last at Burton, Sunbury county, of Mrs. Louisa Currie, widow of George Currie, at the age of ninety-nine years and ten months. Deceased was a daughter of the late Dr. Pye, of St. Andrews, of Loyalist descent and since the death of her husband resided with her niece, Miss F. L. Gilbert, of the Larches, Burton, Sunbury county.  
**STRONG RESOLUTIONS ABOUT PROHIBITION**  
The fifth quarterly session of Kent and Westmorland District Division, Sons of Temperance (fifty-eighth for Kent county), was held in the public hall in Notre Dame last week. The following resolutions were among those adopted:  
"We would heartily endorse the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance in their efforts to have the prohibition act of the province properly enforced and amended in the right direction only, and urge all temperance societies and individuals to organize themselves in the closest possible co-operation with the Alliance for the purpose of making sure that no change is made in the prohibition act in the direction of allowing the sale of any intoxicant for beverage purposes."  
"We respectfully request the members of the New Brunswick government and legislature to stand firm against the machinations of all those deluded or evil-minded persons and corporations who would have the public profit out of that traffic which debases and ruins their weaker fellow-citizens and to discourage and defeat at the outset any attempt to foist upon New Brunswick the selling of intoxicants by the government or any other agency for beverage purposes."  
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