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boys scouts association. It was my privilege to act as chairman of the boys scouts in Elmira for over 13 years and I have seen this group benefit greatly from this very important work. In our community there are thousands of boys who belong to the scout movement. I believe that today we have between 6 million and 7 million boys all over the world in this great movement. Scouting and religion have a very close affinity. The rules of the association provide that every scout must belong to some religious organization and faithfully carry out his religious duties.

Scouting carries with it many promises. The wolf cub promises to do his best, to do his duty to God and the Queen; to keep the law of the wolf cub pack and to do a good turn to somebody every day. The wolf cub gives in to the old wolf, but does not give in to himself. The boy scout promise is:

On my honour I promise that I will do my best—
To do my duty to God, and the Queen,
To help other people at all times,
To obey the scout law.

Now, the scout law is as follows:

- (i) A scout's honour is to be trusted.
- (ii) A scout is loyal to the Queen, his country, his scouters, his parents, his employers and those under him.
- (iii) A scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
- (iv) A scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout.
- (v) A scout is courteous.
- (vi) A scout is a friend to animals.
- (vii) A scout obeys the orders of his parents, patrol leader, or scoutmaster without question.
- (viii) A scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
- (ix) A scout is thrifty.
- (x) A scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

These promises, Mr. Speaker, when carried out are of great benefit to our country.

(Translation):

Mr. Remi Paul (Berthier-Maskinonge-Delanaudiere): Mr. Speaker, I take pleasure in giving my humble support to this bill in favour of Canadian scouts. By his activities and participation in youth movements a scout is always a comfort to his parents.

Scouting is a training school which affords a young boy opportunities for contact with his fellow-scouts, and the instruction, education and training he receives in this association with them cannot fail to be very profitable to him as it has to others who, in the past, have had the good fortune to belong to that organization. Canada, therefore, can only benefit from the part these boys are playing in its growth and development. This youth training organization also allows young boys, from all countries, on the occasion of international jamborees, to become aware of their power and of the

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part they will be called upon to play later in society. Moreover, as a result of the contacts they make during those meetings, they are able to work in some measure for the preservation of peace which, unfortunately, is too often in jeopardy.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, I consider this legislation most appropriate and would not miss this opportunity to pay tribute to the scouts of my riding of Berthier-Maskinonge-Delanaudiere. They all know they will have to work hard to ensure not only their own welfare but that of all their fellow-citizens, for scout training has already proven its worth; indeed out of the ranks of scouts have come many men who have made their mark in politics and in government.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: I must inform the house that if the hon. member speaks now, he will close the debate.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): In closing the debate, Mr. Speaker, may I say that I was very pleased to find so many hon. members taking part and paying tribute to the scout organization in Canada. When I opened the debate I mentioned that apparently many members had been members of the scout organization during their lifetime. During the course of the debate it was revealed that almost all the members had either been scouts, scout leaders or actively interested in the organization. I find also that two or three of our hon. members have been awarded a medal by the scouts, and amongst them is the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Fraser).

There was one question asked by the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. McCleave) relating to the amount of real estate which the organization now holds. I think the house will be rather startled, Mr. Speaker, when I give these figures which I have in this file, especially in view of the fact that originally only \$50,000 was allotted. The figures which I will give may not be entirely accurate because, as I stated, some of the real estate is held in trust for local groups and does not stand in the name of the national organization. However, I would give this list, which is in general terms.

In Vancouver, there are buildings to the value of \$100,000 and campsites, \$30,000. In Edmonton, there are two buildings totalling in value \$40,000 and two campsites, \$145,000. In Calgary, there is a building valued at \$15,000 and a campsite valued at \$25,000. In Regina, the building is valued at \$20,000; Saskatoon, a building valued at \$15,000; in Winnipeg, a campsite valued at \$15,000; at Gimli, a campsite valued at \$25,000; in Toronto, a building valued at \$150,000 and