

# BOY SCOUTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK SPEND TWO WEEKS UNDER CANVAS

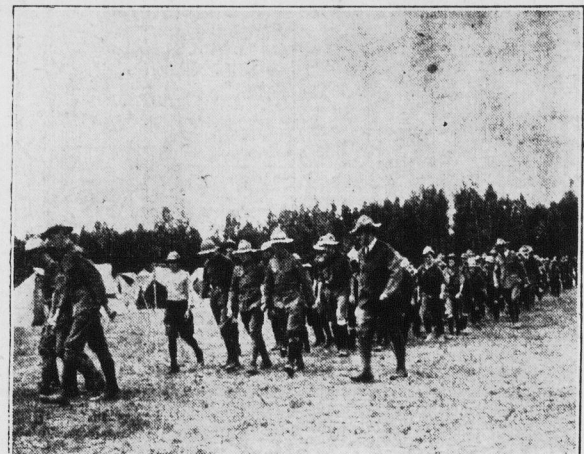
## Chipman Instruction Camp for Boy Scouts a Great Success -- Officers and Boys All Satisfied With The Work Accomplished, and Healthy, Happy Time Have Had.

### From Reveille to Lights Out

A sharp thrilling blast on the bugle sounded forth in the still morning air, followed a few minutes afterwards by the merry chatter of some hundred and fifty boys as they sprang from under their warm blankets into the bright sunshine of the early morning. The Boy Scouts of Chipman Instruction Camp thus start a happy daily routine full of interest, instruction, health giving exercise, and amusement. Some twenty minutes afterwards viz. 6:20 a.m. the boys all parade for parades, physical exercise, flag raising and orders.

A survey of the lines as they stand facing their officers reveals little as to where the boys have been gathered from, or what sort of home life they have left. They are all looking in the best of health, with full happy faces, and clear eyes, always on the alert, and ready to obey instantly. There are young sons of well to do, and prominent business men, standing shoulder to shoulder with those whose parents have not been blest greatly with this world's goods. No distinction, all standing on the common platform embodied in the Scout Law.

Breakfast follows at 6:45, and then one of the secrets of the splendid health of the camp is revealed. What boy could be weakly or sick, who is allowed to have as much as ever he wishes of beans, porridge, or flakes, which are the main courses in the first camp meal? Each boy takes the tin plate, mug, knife, and fork, which he has been using, down to the water-edge.



THE BOYS FREQUENTLY WENT FOR LONG MARCHES. One evening after a day full of incidents connected with the daily camp life the boys marched in to Chipman and back, a distance of seven miles, without one scout falling out.

and washes them with the aid of sand before putting them tidily away, to be ready for the next bugle call to the mess tent. Blankets are then thoroughly aired, and the tents tidied, in time for the morning parade, when a certain amount of instruction is given, and tent inspection. At 11 o'clock a lecture is then given by one of the officers, on such subjects as fire fighting, cooking, etc. This feature of the camp is worthy of special note, as it is at such times that the boys receive knowledge, that not only assists them to pass their different tests, but helps to fill them for the work they will afterward occupy in the business world, as men with an object in life, with clean bodies and minds.

As the sun rises to the central position in the heavens, the bugle notes calls the now hungry boys to the mess tent again. This is certainly a sight never to be forgotten. From all parts of the camp is seen Scout garbed figures dashing, with tin plate, mug, knife and fork in hand, to take their place in the lines.

Following an hour and a quarter's rest, and the afternoon parade, swimming is then indulged in. This is particularly interesting as not only are the boys taught how to swim, but every care is taken by the officers in charge, so that no accidents may take place. The boys are divided into two parties, those who can swim, and the others who have not mastered the art. With each group are two boys, Life Guards, and excellent swimmers who watch for any boy who may find himself in difficulties. Besides these two in the water, other two are stationed on the shore from which point they keep a careful lookout and are ready at once to dash to the rescue of any boy needing their aid. No boy, however, will be able to swim is allowed to go far from the shore. Two or more boys, however, may swim across the river if they are accompanied by a boat. Thus it will be noticed every care is taken so that none of the distressing drowning fatalities may mar the scene.

On the sounding of the whistle the boys all leave the water, and return to their tents, to dress in time for parade. At 5 p.m. the call to the mess tent is again sounded, and the happy Scouts then sit down to a most appetizing meal of beans, potatoes, tea or coffee, rolls, cakes, etc., which they enjoy to their hearts content. Athletic games are then indulged in, until the retreat sounds, and the boys gather around the camp fire. First

post is given on the bugle at 9 p.m. followed fifteen minutes afterwards by the last post and prayers. By 9:30 the whole camp is absolutely quiet, all lights being out and the boys, tired out with their happy healthy day, snugly under the blankets.

### Boy Scouts Have Great Time at Chipman

Few of the boys who were privileged to be among those who attended the splendid instruction camp for Boy Scouts at Chipman, N. B., will forget the two happy weeks they spent. Many of them coming, as they did, in much need of a real change after their hard work at the school exams soon put on flesh and a tanned skin as a result of the healthy open air life. All day long the camp rang with their merry laughter, except when they sat with interested, and intelligent faces, listening to the various instruction lectures given by their officers. Two things contributed largely to the great success of the camp, viz. The situation and the care of the arrangements exhibited.

The ground chosen for the camp could hardly have been better, stand-



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camp, and be responsible for all fatigues and camp discipline.

7. ORDERS. All detailed instructions for the day following will be posted each evening at retreat.

8. Lectures and conferences will be arranged.

9. A scout obeys orders under all circumstances. This is a scout law and all orders must be carried out for the benefit of all concerned.

Besides the above named officers, the following had charge of the various troops:

St. John Troop, S. M. Ingleton.

Grand Falls Troop, S. M. Wright.

Assis. S. M. Rev. Grabtree.

Chipman Troop, S. M. Hamilton and Assis. S. M. Turner.

Fredericton Troop, S. M. Prof. Stiles.

St. Stephens Troop, S. M. Rev. Whyte.

McAdam Troop, S. M. Rev. McGure.

Sackville Troop, P. L. Reid.

There were also boys from the Newcastle Troop.

During the camp a number of visitors from all parts came to see the boys, among them being Mayor Mitchell, of Fredericton, who gave them a stirring patriotic address. Mr. A. C. Skelton, of St. John, Dr. Hay, of Chipman, The Rev. F. H. Wentworth, of St. John, and Dr. and Mrs. Bridges, of Fredericton, also visited, and were high in their praise of the camp.

The religious side of the boys' life was also well looked after, as besides the usual daily prayers, the boys who had no religious objections were given a most interesting and instructive address on the Sundays.

Last Sunday the Rev. Whyte, of St. Stephens took up the subject of Patriotism, and referred to the Canadian

various people, the result of which will be published in the scouts corner next Saturday.

On August the 4th, the first anniversary of the war, each scout master came up to Lt. Col. F. W. Wedderburn at the headquarters tent, shook him by the hand and declared their loyalty.

In the course of a chat with the Colonel, he told the writer of one or two incidents that caused much amusement. One little fellow, just after leaving the mess tent, and anxious to carry out an order he had just received, dashed up to the Colonel, and as he brought his hand smartly up to salute, said, "Colonel, would you mind looking after these?" handing him his tin plate and mug.

During a visit to the mess tent, whilst some six boys were scrubbing tables, the lads started to complain a little because they had been set to do the work as a punishment. The Colonel who is quite a tall gentleman, just remarked, "How would you like to scrub me?" upon which a smart scout at once replied, "Ladder and mop sir!"

High Standard of Scout Masters at Camp

Anyone who visited the Boy Scouts Camp at Chipman—as the writer did—must have been especially impressed with the high standard of the Scout Masters who were present. They were without exception men of ability and energy, and particularly suited for the leadership of boys, and from all appearances they were extremely well posted in Scout work. The successful

lines the Camp is conducted, they would be glad to let their boys go, as the training, both in the matter of discipline and in Scout Law, cannot fail to be of benefit to any boy. The writer of this article, a resident of St. John, and one deeply interested in the Boy Scout movement, was disappointed to find that both in the matter of Scouts and Scout Masters, St. John was not better represented at the Camp this year.

### The Boy Scouts to Aid Recruiting

The Boy Scouts Association, Canadian General Council, Ottawa.

Dear Sir—

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, has been much gratified, as the Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts Association for Canada, to notice that Boy Scouts in various parts of the country are assisting the recruiting officers in connection with the enlistment of volunteers for service overseas, and I am directed to express the Chief Scout's earnest hope that Boy Scouts and their officers throughout the Dominion will cooperate with the recruiting authorities along these lines in whatever way their services may be made of value. In some localities there have already been Boy Scout parades on behalf of the recruiting cause, whilst elsewhere the lads are helping with messenger services and in other ways. The form of the Scouts' "good turn" to this patriotic cause may vary in different localities on account of local circumstances, but these are matters of easy arrange-

ment, and any help which may be given in this way will be as much enjoyed by the lads themselves as it will be appreciated by the military authorities. Anything which is done by the Boy Scouts along the lines above indicated should in all cases be done only by arrangement with the local military authorities.

By Direction,  
GERALD H. BROWN,  
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### How to Run a Troop

First Week's Work

1. Arrange the boys in patrols, and allot positions in the clubroom. Each patrol should have its own section, and be expected to keep it clean and tidy. Dirt and disorder in a clubroom are a disgrace to the patrol of the troop.

2. Give a few words about the use of signs by Indians and others. Teach

### the Scout Signs (Scouting for Boys, p. 47.)

3. Give a few words about salute and what they mean (S. for B., pp. 41 and 42.) Note specially: (a) meaning of the three fingers; (b) the kinds of salutes; (c) the use of the salutes.

Let the patrol stand at attention and practise the salutes under the command of the Patrol-leader. Marks may be given to each boy, or to each patrol, for smartness.

4. Give a few words about knots (S. for B., p. 86). Teach the reef and the fisherman. After the first knot has been taught, let it be tied as rapidly as possible. The fastest boy steps out of the game. Do this as many times as necessary till the slowest boy is found. If there be more than one patrol, let the slowest boy in each patrol compete against the other "slows" till the slowest boy in the troop has been found. Then repeat all this with the second knot.

The Court of Honor

After each evening meeting there will be a Court of Honor for arranging the general work of the troop.

The Library

Each troop should have a small library. Each book will be numbered, and a list made, so that if, say, No. 24 is lost, you will know what book No. 24 is. The books should be borrowed on one night a week, and a definite time fixed as to how long a book can be kept.

If there are only a few books, then at first only the Patrol-leaders may be allowed to borrow. As the books

### Things Worth Knowing

How to Carry a Clock

In lifting and carrying a clock from one place to another, the pendulum, which most clocks have, being loose is liable to twist the connecting spring, as it is shaken during the transit. To prevent this the clock should be carried slanting backwards at the top, so that it causes the pendulum to rest against the back, and thus remain steady, thus keeping the spring safe from twisting. (Sent in by a Scoutmaster interested in the Scouts' Corner.)

The Thanks Badge

It is the privilege of any Scout, of whatever rank, to present the official Badge of Thanks to anyone who does a Scout a good turn. It entitles the wearer to make use of the services of any Scout at any time.

Any Swastika, from which the design is taken, was a religious Indian symbol, intended to represent, the sun. It is mentioned in Indian literature as being a sign of good fortune, and for this reason many people, now, days, wear the swastika for luck.

A Wonderful Weapon

The Sikh warriors, who have been doing splendid work for the Motherland, wear on their turbans a wonderful weapon called a "chakkar."

It is somewhat like a quill in appearance, but has an edge as sharp as a razor (says "Things to Know About the War." By twirling it round his finger a Sikh can make the weapon fly in the air, revolving all the time, and inflicting terrible wounds on anyone



A PICTURE OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. Whatever the boys were like before the camp started, they soon put on flesh and a tanned skin as a result of the healthy open air life.

increase, the best patrol can be allowed to borrow, and so on.

Enter the names of the borrowers in an exercise book, and rule it off in columns for the dates. When a book is borrowed, put the number of the book opposite the borrower's name, in the proper date column. When he returns the book, cross out the number.

Don't say you cannot afford books. Get them one or two at a time, but get them. Buy books, not bugles. A bugle disturbs the neighborhood; a book doesn't. By all means have a band if you want one and can afford it, but let the books come before the band.

Outdoor Work

Play the game Follow the Trail (S.

whom it strikes.

The turban was chosen as being the safest place to carry this dangerous weapon.

This gives practice in the use of the Scout Signs. Be sure to hide a few letters.

Remember that to become a King's Scout you must be a Pathfinder. To get this badge you must know your own neighborhood very thoroughly. If the trails in this and the succeeding weeks be laid, first in one direction and then in another, you will find that after a time you will know the paths and thoroughfares of your own neighborhood quite well.

(Concluded from last week.)



THE BUGLE CALL TO PREPARE FOR BATHING NEVER FALLS ON DEAF EARS. The boys are not only given an opportunity to learn swimming but every care is taken by the officers so that none of the distressing drowning fatalities may mar the scene.

lan's great stand at Landmark, when they stood against the wild charges of the Germans, and because they were men who had gone forth carrying a priceless gift—life, resisted the furious onslaught, with that one word "Patriotism" ever before their eyes.

He pointed out that they should be ready to take upon their shoulders, a man's job, and referred to the Apostle who endured as seeing Him Who is invisible. There were also about 250 visitors present at the open air service, and the collection taken in aid of the Patriotic Fund amounted to \$16, being some \$3.70 more than the previous Sunday, when the Red Cross Fund was augmented by \$12.30. One boy scout who evidently hadn't a cent, put in a one cent stamp. A quartette composed of A. C. Skelton, Prof. Stiles, S. M. Turner, and P. L. Howey, gave a very fine rendering of "Nearer My God to Thee," during the service.

On Saturday and Monday, August 7th and 9th, the boys took part in a number of races for prizes given by

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## A Contest for Boy Scouts Valuable Scouting Book as Prize

Here is quite a new contest, and one in which I trust a great number of scouts will take part. Choose the name of any man who has become famous during the war, and make a sentence, the words of which commence with the letters in his name, in their correct order. Here is an example of what I mean: "Admiral Sturdee"—Seeing Troublesome Underwater Raiders, Drove Everyone Eastward.

I will give a valuable scouting book to the sender of what I consider the best sentence.

Send the scouts' contest coupon, correctly filled in, with your sentence, to Scout Editor, The Standard, St. John, N. B. All attempts must reach this office by August 19th, 1915.

**STANDARD COMPETITION For Boy Scouts.**

Full Name .....

Address .....

Name of Patrol .....

Next week I shall announce quite a new kind of contest. Look out for it.