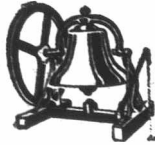


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### BESIDE THE CAMP FIRE

#### Notes on Scoutcraft

by Commissioner Rev. Geo. W. Tebbs

OTTAWA Boy Scouts recently held a great camp at Woodroffe, a suburb of the city. Eighteen different troops took part in the camp, in command of Commissioner Alder Bliss. A troop inspection and march-past was given upon the occasion of the visit of Chief Commissioner, Dr. J. W. Robertson, C.M.G., in which the Wolf Cubs took part. During the camp a large number of Royal Humane awards were made to Scouts who had justly earned them. The ladies of Woodroffe conducted a canteen for the boys. On Sunday church parade was held, conducted by Lieut.-Col. (Rev.) R. H. Steacey, of Westboro.

A Provincial Leaders' Conference for Scoutmasters, Troop Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Seconds and prospective Seconds of the Province of New Brunswick was held in St. John, April 30th and May 1st. A large number of boys and men were present, and the programme may be of interest to those Leaders who wish to have something similar. Election of officers took place at the opening of the session, followed by a talk on Troop Organization. Supper was served by the Trinity Church ladies, assisted by the Trinity Company of Girl Guides. Camp fire songs enlivened the proceedings between courses, and the evening was brought to a close by the exhibition of a series of movie films, illustrating the Boy Scout Movement. Another evening was taken up with a demonstration of a model troop meeting and a Court of Honour. The value of the Patrol system was clearly shown, and a feature of the Court of Honour was the trial of a Scout for disobedience during the meeting. During the general discussion of the Conference a complete revision of the handbook was strongly urged, and it was also recommended that a small book be printed, taking up in detail the requirements for the King's Scout badges. Individual pamphlets were also urged to be published dealing with various other badges. A splendid address was given by Archdeacon Crowfoot on the subject, "The Boy Scout Movement and the Church." During the Conference the Scoutmasters had a private discussion on matters particularly applying to their work.

Hamilton is reorganizing the Boy Scout Movement in that city under the able leadership of Colonel Hendrie. Sturgeon Falls, Ont., have also organized a Troop, and both places are most enthusiastic in their start-off. Every success to both of them!

The first step to be taken by anyone wishing to become a Cubmaster is that he or she shall apply to Provincial Headquarters of the Boy Scouts' Association. By purchasing a Wolf Cub Handbook a knowledge of what is required of a Cubmaster can readily be attained. The prospective officer should then be placed with a local Pack, where he may act as Assistant Cubmaster for a short period. Here he will get a general knowledge of the work of the Pack, and then later take complete charge of his Pack.

No less than 70 per cent. of the officers and boys of the Boy Scout Movement took up service in the war. Of the 100,000, no less than 10,000 made the great sacrifice. Eleven of the Scouts won the Victoria Cross during the war.

#### The Way We Clean Fish Up North.

First, cut off the fins. Then slit the belly of the fish from vent to gills. Next, cut the head down from the back of the head almost to the

belly, and with one movement the inner compartments of the fish will come away with the head. Then take hold of a piece of loose skin next the gills and skin back to the tail. Repeat on the other side. Then divide along the back so that the two pieces will lay flat in the pan, and cook with bacon fat, margarine, or better still, butter. Salt and pepper whilst in the pan, and—THERE YOU ARE. Of course, wash the fish before cooking, as Scouts' hands are not usually extra clean, nor is the driftwood or rock that you use as a kitchen table.

For toothache—Oil of creosote.  
For earache—Hot water bottle or rubber ear syringe, to be used with care by Scoutmaster only.

For stomachache—Be well provided with bicarbonate of soda, essence of ginger or essence of peppermint.

For chills—Aromatic spirits of ammonia.

For hiccough—Aromatic spirits of ammonia or soda and ginger.

For wounds—Iodine, where no opportunity of bathing the wound. It is painted on the skin around the wound, and is not to be applied on subsequent dressings beyond the first one.

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#### THE LETTER OPENER.

"Let me sell you a letter opener!" asked the shopman in the novelty shop.

"Have one at home," grunted the little man.

"Indeed! What kind is it?"

"My wife."

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#### COMPLICATIONS.

Giles was from the country, and was using the telephone for the first time.

"Please, exchange," he said, "will yer gimme my threepence back?" I didn't get the one I axed for."

"Well, then, why did you keep on talking?"

"Well, yer see," Giles explained, "it was loike this. I thought it was her and she thought it was me, but as it 'appens, it was neither of us."

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#### TOO CROWDED FOR HIM.

An amusing story, illustrative of the Canadian Indian's way of looking at things, is told by Mr. W. Douglas Newton in his "Westward With the Prince of Wales."

H.R.H. was on a hunting expedition in the wilds, and struck a tiny clearing in the forest, where were a few shacks inhabited by a score or so of Indians and half-breeds.

The Prince got into conversation with a young Indian lad, asking him how he liked the place. The youngster opined that he didn't like it at all.

"You wait," he said. "Next year I go. Next year I am fifteen. Then I go out into the woods. I go right away. I can't stand this city life."

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#### A BISHOP'S INCOME.

The public would be much interested in the candid statement of the Bishop of Lichfield as to his income. Nominally £4,200, it is reduced to £2,600 by rates and taxes. Other "official" expenses only leave £1,200 to keep up the Palace, which costs £1,600 a year. So that the Bishop would appear to be £400 out of pocket. It is evidently not all "beer and skittles" being a Bishop. But His Lordship is doing a wonderful work for the Church and the whole community in Staffordshire, and there is nobody who wins more respect and affection of the public generally, or who is more powerful in making all of us wish to make the best of this world and the next.



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