

**BESIDE THE CAMP FIRE**  
Notes on Scoutcraft

by Commissioner Rev. Geo. W. Tebbs

What "Peter" Says in the Montreal "Star."

**A** PATHFINDER on the Job: Things that give credit to Scouts are constantly coming to light, and here is another. Mr. Percy Gibson, managing editor of "Canadian Boy," was recently in the city and called at the Star Office. In the course of conversation about Scouting he recounted the following incident: A few years ago, said Mr. Gibson, before he knew Montreal as well as he knows it now, he came here and was looking for a certain street. Just about a stone's throw from the Star Office, he met a trim-looking boy, who wore a fleur-de-lys on the lapel of his coat and stopped him to ask: "Say, Scout, can you tell me where such a street is?" The Scout thought for a minute, then gave the right direction. Mr. Gibson thanked him, and asked another question. "What troop do you belong to?" The Scout answered that he didn't belong to any Montreal troop, that he had come to this city from Halifax just a few days before and hadn't had a chance to find out what troop would be the best to join. Then Mr. Gibson had another question to ask: How was it that a boy who was a stranger in the city knew the streets so well? The Scout answered that he earned his Pathfinder's Badge in Halifax, and intended to qualify again for it in Montreal, so he had lost no time in beginning. Besides, he said, he didn't want anybody to ask help or direction of a Scout and not get it, and he knew that a boy working downtown (as he was) might get just such a question put to him any day. It's things like this, of course, that make the Scouts so much respected.

General Williams a Scout-Master.

The 27th Troop of Boy Scouts of Toronto elected Major-General Williams as Scoutmaster. Major-General Williams commands this military district. He assured the boys of the 27th Toronto Troop that he greatly appreciated the honour conferred upon him and paid a glowing tribute to the Boy Scout organization, remarking that he had been impressed by the actions of thousands of former Scouts who had served overseas.

Can Get Thermos Cooking Kits at Low Cost.

The Hamilton district council, Boy Scouts, has secured eight hundred thermos cooking kits formerly used by the R.A.F., whose values range from \$5 to \$6, which will be disposed of to the Boy Scouts of this city for \$2 each. The cooking kits are heated with alcohol cubes and are in nine pieces, and perhaps the most up-to-date out of door contraption for cooking a camp meal yet devised. Each Scoutmaster in the city will be asked to secure orders from the Scouts for them, as it is meant to equip all the troops with these utensils. Arrangements are also being undertaken to secure a complete camp outfit, including enough tents to house each organized troop. They will be used for the big Boy Scout camp next year.

Ed. Reid, who is organizing the B.S. work in town, stated that there was every prospect of a large gathering at the Adelaide Hoodless School.

Mr. Reid reports that the following organizations have elected members to the Boy Scout campaign executive: Kinsmen's Club, Lions' Club, Chamber of Commerce, Collegiate, Public School Principals' Association, while the Canadian, the Rotary, Kiwanis

Clubs, technical and separate schools, the Hamilton deanery and the Ministerial Association have yet to be heard from.

Trinity Church, Mitchell, Ont., has a Rector who is taking a keen interest in the Boy Scouts. Only three months old, Mitchell Troop No. 1, under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Roberts, L.Th., recently held their first big banquet. The Troop has 18 qualified Scouts. Every success to Mitchell, you are setting the pace to Stratford. There are 2,000 R.C. Troops of Boy Scouts under the direction of the

National Catholic War Work Council, Boy Scouts Bureau, U.S., Mr. Francis A. McCann, Secretary of the Council, says that Catholic boys under Catholic leadership are becoming a vital force in making up a parish. How many Anglican Troops are there in the Dominion? And how many Rectors are making use of this splendid force of boys at their command? Put a Boy Scout hat on a boy, and you can do almost anything with him.

A lady had the misfortune to lose her season-ticket for the railway. On the same evening she had a call from

two boys, the older of whom at once handed her the lost ticket.

The lady, delighted at the prompt return of her property, offered the boy a shilling for his trouble. The lad refused to accept it, telling the lady he was a Boy Scout, and that no member of the Boy Scouts is allowed to accept any return for a service rendered.

Just as the coin was about to be placed back in the purse of the lady, the boy, looking up into her face, suddenly blurted out:

"But my wee brother's no' a Scout."—Tit-Bits.



**"My, You Are Looking So Much Better!"**

**"YES, I am feeling fine, too."**  
"And how is baby?"

"He is just dandy and as good as can be."

"And what have you been doing to look so well?"

"Oh, I got run-down nursing baby and began to get discouraged I was feeling so miserable. I suppose it was my nervous condition that got baby restless, and then, of course, it worried me trying to look after him."

"I thought you looked so worn-out when I was in last time."

"Well, I was feeling so discouraged that I sent for mother to come and she was not here a day before she had me using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

"I should have told you about it, for we always use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food when any of us get nervous or run-down."

"For the first few days I could not see that it was doing much good, but soon I found myself sleeping better and feeling less worried and irritable during the day."

My appetite improved and as I gained strength baby seemed to sleep better and be less trouble. He is just fine now and as good-natured as any baby ever was."

"How do you take the Nerve Food?"

"One pill after each meal and at bedtime. I will soon be able to discontinue using it, but want to be sure that my system is thoroughly built up before quitting."

"That is great. It gives me more confidence than ever in Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and that is saying a good deal, for you know what it did for me when I had that nervous breakdown. Has your mother gone home?"

"Yes, and I tell you it was a lucky day for me when she came to the rescue with her help and good advice. Her experience with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food proved to be a blessing for me."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto. On every box of the genuine you will find the portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M.D., the famous Receipt Book author.

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