

## Conference of The Boy Scouts

Considerable Interest Shown  
at Meeting of Leaders Yesterday—Officers Elected—  
Programme for Today.

The Leaders Conference of the Boy Scouts Association opened at 4:30 yesterday afternoon in the Trinity church school room with A. C. Skelton, the Provincial Commissioner presiding. After the invocation had been pronounced by the Rev. R. P. Wright, all the boys present recited the Scout Promise and Law in unison.

The provincial officers for the convention were then elected: Convention President, Troop Leader Geo. Jones, Woodstock; Secretary, Troop Leader Paul Walsh, 17th troop, St. John; Asst. Secretary, Gordon Adams, 18th troop, St. John. After the officers had taken their places the Rev. Mr. Wright gave a short address on the subject of the Scout Promise and Law in unison.

At 6:15 supper was served in the school room by the ladies of the different local churches from which Boy Scouts were present. Following this two reels of an educational film were shown dealing with activities of Boy Scouts in England. At the conclusion three cheers were given for Basil Robertson of the Boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. through whose courtesy the films were shown. At seven the boys gave a demonstration of a model troop meeting under the supervision of L. W. Narraway, assistant provincial secretary. The boys carried out every movement with correctness and accuracy and were heartily applauded for their effort. Following this a short demonstration of a Court of Honor was given. This concluded the evening's programme.

Today's Programme.  
At 9 o'clock this morning through the courtesy of Walter Golding and the Canadian Universal Film Co., the feature film "Boy Scouts to the Rescue" will be shown at the Imperial Theatre. This open to conference delegates only. At 10:30 o'clock there will be a special session for the leaders at which various matters relating to their activities will be discussed.

At 1 o'clock a special dinner will be served at Bond's, when the boy leaders will be the guests of a number of business men, most of whom are members of the Rotary Club. Rev. Mr. Skelton, district commissioner, will preside at this dinner. Addresses will be given by A. C. Skelton, Chief Justice McKewen and Mayor Schofield.

At 2:30 in the Trinity church school room, Archbishop Crowfoot will address the conference on the Boy Scout Movement and the Church.

## SEVERAL STOCKS MAKE GAINS

The Montreal Market Showed  
Better Condition Than for  
Several Days.

Montreal, April 30.—There was a much better trend to stocks in the trading on the local exchange today, and several issues made substantial gains for the day. Brompton Sugar and Spanish River led the market and the former on a turnover of 2700 shares rose to 82½, closing at 81½, a point net gain. Sugar was very strong on sales of 2400 shares, the price rose 5 points to a high for the movement of 90½, and closed with a 4½ point net gain at 90. Spanish River opened three points down at 83, sold up to 85 and closed later to 84½, a net loss of three points.

Canadian National sold up two points at 154½. The stocks involved in the big steel merger were steady to strong, with fractional gains. In the utilities, Quebec Railway lost a point at 23½, and Power lost ½ point at 84½. In the banks Merchant's continued strong, adding a point at a new recent high of 290. The feature of the bond list was the strong tone of 1925 old war loan which is up a point to 94½.

Total trading: Listed, 12,317; bonds, 340,900; rights, 1,787.

The Grand Trunk.  
(Vancouver Province.)  
It is stated that Grand Trunk shareholders in Great Britain are still complaining bitterly over the hard terms made by the Canadian Government in the purchase of the railway by Canada. But we have also the information that the price of shares slumped badly last week in the British market on the report of a hitch in the sale proceedings. It is evidently recognized in the markets that the best hope of the shareholders is in the sale to the people of Canada. The railway is now operated at a loss. While it ought to be worth more as a part of the national system than it is by itself the people of Canada are not likely to make as good a bargain as the vendors. The shareholders ought to thank Canada for taking a burden off their shoulders.

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## WONDERFUL RECORD OF BOSTON SHORTSTOP

Everett Scott, crack short stop of the Boston Americans broke all major league records for playing in consecutive games when he took the field against the Athletics at Philadelphia last Monday, for with this game, Scott had participated in 34 consecutive league contests. Luderus of the Philadelphia Nationals, set the record at 33 games last season, but he has not played this year.

Scott started his continuous playing on June 20, 1916 with the Red Sox, and he has not missed a game since. Actually, Scott had previously outstripped Luderus through participating in the 11 world series games in 1918, but these post-season contests have not been considered in the consecutive records for regular games. The Boston shortstop has to his credit also for two years what is said to be the highest fielding average for any shortstop playing the full season in either major league. His mark of .96 made in both 1918 and 1919 is the highest on record. "Tuck" Turner's average of .93 in 1910 being the best previously made in the American League and .968. Joe Tinker's record at short for Cincinnati, being the best in the National league.

## WHEN WILL DEMPSEY MEET CARPENTIER?

When will Dempsey and Carpentier meet?  
Maybe never.  
Not this year—not a chance! Carpentier did not come over here to fight Dempsey anyway! He came over here after the money—and no "thing" else. He can make money easier than fighting a rough person like Dempsey—but that is all. Why should he fight Dempsey anyway?  
Boxing may sometimes be sport—but the Frenchman is a business man. Look at it from his viewpoint. Carpentier is a hero of the war. The American is not—in fact, he may be a prisoner of war if he loses his case. In France Carpentier is regarded as the champion anyway. And when Carpentier leaves our shores late this year he will be rich and richer still when he arrives home. So why should Georges worry his blond head or corrugate his alabaster brow?  
Or get hit on the chin.  
A Hamilton Spectator.  
The extreme to which fans and followers may be carried was demonstrated yesterday, when girls in the entrance class of a west end school appeared in midday bloomers.

## HELPFUL TO THE CREDIT SITUATION

Montreal, April 30.—The month of April has been productive of three announcements of much significance to the credit situation in Canada. These announcements were those of the directors of three of the leading Canadian Banks respecting issues of new capital to shareholders at \$150. per share in different ratio as follows: New capital ratio price Bank of Montreal, \$2,000,000, 1 to 10, \$150. Royal Bank of Canada, \$3,400,000, 1 to 5, \$150. Merchants Bank \$2,100,000, 1 to 4, \$150. Total \$7,500,000, \$150. This would represent a total of new capital of \$11,250,000 of which \$7,500,000 will doubtless appear as new paid up capital, and \$3,750,000 as rest, but both fulfilling similar services in financing the business of the country.

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