



BEDTIME STORIES FOR THE CHILDREN

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Helen Deason, Sussex—I am sorry you did not take more care in writing your answers out, in the contest, as you have the right names, but dropped in points in the writing. Try again this week Helen.

Dorothy Tompkins, Sticksney—I have made a note of your birthday, and am pleased you are entering the contests, and finding them interesting. Write again this week Helen.

Royal Carpenter, Gladstone—I have entered your name in the membership roll, and hope you will continue to enjoy the Corner. Don't forget to enclose the usual coupon.

Muriel Graham, Ennisville—Yes, I have been missing your name from the regular letters. You have tried hard in the contest, Muriel, but am sorry that you have not managed to get a prize. Go on trying, however, as success will come, and besides how interesting it is trying in the contests.

Grace Hawkes, Coal Creek—Very pleased to get your first letter, to the Corner, and I hope you will continue to write often. Shall look out for the face-cloths. Thanks for the good wishes.

Eldon Teit, Jordan Mt.—I was pleased to get the letters, and handed same to our City Editor, in case he found them of interest. The buttons were sent off. You did a fine act in saving the puzzle. I shall mention it next week. Thanks for the pretty card.

A LARGE NUMBER OF LETTERS WHICH HAVE HAD TO REMAIN UNANSWERED THIS WEEK, WILL RECEIVE ATTENTION IN NEXT WEEK'S CORNER.

Edith Carvell, Fairville—No, your letter arrived in time. Very pleased you are enjoying the contests so much. Write again soon.

Mary Gagnon, Bathurst—Very pleased to get your nice little letter, and to have you as a member of the Corner. Write again soon.

Lucy Thorne, Havelock—Did you get the certificate? Yes, any picture will do, read the conditions. You will have to hurry to get in same by next Wednesday.

Aubrey Manlin, Titusville—Very pleased you are enjoying the contests, and the stories, so much. What a nice letter you do write.

June Gupitli, Castalia—Whenever I see your name, June, I think of sun-shine, and bright days. Very pleased you get the book safely, and like same. You are quite right, in trying to get the first prize.

Cecil Nickerson, Hibernal—No, you must not give up all hopes, but watch the letter, each week, when I often give suggestions. Pleased to hear about the bird society. Write again soon.

Daisy Boone, Aroostook—I received your letter, and gladly welcome you to the Corner. I shall wait for your letters regularly each week now.

Agnes Anderson, Waterville—Your first letter to me is interesting, and I have entered your name on the membership roll. Address your letters to Uncle Dick, in future.

Lillian Barber, Fredericton—I am having a word making contest this week. I expect you will enter same. The fancy work contest will be later, as so few will be able to enter, owing to them not doing that kind of work. Did you see your letter published in yesterday's Standard?

Aida Crocker, Albert—Glad you got the certificate alright. Thanks for the good wishes. Your writing is very good.

Irene Thurber, Freetport—So the certificate arrived alright, and you like same. Your work was good in the last contest.

Bertha Spike, Andover—You don't write to me often do you, Bertha? I should like to have more of your letters.

Hazel Bunker, Rusagagans Sta.—Glad to hear that your brother is so alright. Can you let me have any letters which you may receive from him. Sorry to hear about your sister, is she improving?

Dorothy Thompson, St. Andrews—Do you know Estelle Lawford of Pansy Patch, St. Andrews? Because if so, I would like you to get her to write me again. She used to be a great worker for the Corner, but I have not heard from her lately.

Agnes Matthews, St. Mary's—I don't remember having had your name before in the contests, have I Agnes? If not, I am very pleased to have you as a member of the Corner. You are a neat writer.

Walter Ward, Annapolis—You have never written to the Corner before, have you Walter? I am very pleased to enter your name on the membership roll.

Adelene Armstrong, 175 Britain St.—Very pleased to have your neatly written letter, and to see that you are enjoying the contests.

Louise Comeau, 58 Elliott Row—Thanks for your nice little letter, but I have not had time to write you the usual coupon Louis. Glad you like the Corner.

Gerard Comeau, 58 Elliott Row—I have tried hard in the last contest and deserve the special mention made, as your work was very neatly written.

Beverly Smith, Harvey—No, I have been missing your letters. I hope that you will have more time now to enjoy the Corner, and to write to me.

Dorothy Whitcomb, Norton, N. B.—I thought you would like the run-icate, and glad your papa is going to have same framed, thanks for your good wishes.

Maudie Bothwick, Pennfield Centre—Very pleased you are finding interest in the contests, also to get your letter. You have made a good attempt in the last competition, and your writing is good.

Sadie Porter, St. Andrews—Yes, did I not reply? No, but I should like to pay a visit. The writing is nearly always considered in the judging as well.

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Canadian B.P. Boy Scouts

NEWS OF THE CITY AND PROVINCIAL TROOPS CONDUCTED BY PERCY GIBSON.

SCOUT NEWS

Local Council Meeting.

A meeting of the Local Council of the Boy Scouts' Association, was held at the residence of C. D. Howard last Monday night. A. C. Skelton occupied the chair, and was supported by Rev. H. A. Coady, Dr. Waring, R. J. McPherson, Mr. H. Ellis, W. McPherson, Rev. Mr. Thompson, W. M. Galley, P. J. Legg, H. Wood (of Welsford), E. A. Keel, L. Porter and Mr. Robertson.

Among the important subjects raised was that of awarding a prize to the best all round troop, and the one who can show the greatest amount saved according to size of the troop. The treasurer read the financial report, which showed the local association to be in very good condition. H. Wood, of the Welsford Boy Scouts gave a short but interesting address as to the work in that district.

During the course of the meeting Percy Gibson was elected as a member of the Local Council. It was decided that in future each scoutmaster must bring a report of the work among the troop under his care to the regular meeting.

One result of the meeting was to show that the Boy Scout movement in the city was rapidly gaining ground, and although certain members of the public failed to see much of interest in the same, the teaching and discipline, which the boys were receiving, was having a noticeable effect. An instance was given by a member of the council, whose work takes him amongst all classes of boys, which showed that even where a boy had been brought up amidst adverse circumstances, when brought under the influence of the scout instruction and teaching, he showed a very marked improvement, and promised to become a useful citizen as he reached his manhood.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Howard for his hospitality terminated the proceedings.

Waterloo Troop.

The Waterloo Street Baptist church troop, held their meeting last Tuesday evening, and received valuable instruction in Fire Drill, signalling, and examination for second-class scouts. Numbers have increased, and the patrol leaders, whilst the boys seem very eager to become most proficient scouts.

The St. Paul's church troop, held their meeting last Tuesday evening, under their scoutmaster McPherson, and A. S. M. McPherson. This troop now goes for a hike each Saturday, and has been given instruction in outdoor scoutcraft, which will greatly assist the boys in their efforts to get their badges.

Belgian Flag Day.

Members of the Boy Scouts did great service last Saturday, in assisting the ladies who were busy collecting for the Belgian fund, although, of course, under the Scout rules, the boys themselves are not allowed to actually collect money.

Rothsay Troop.

The Rothsay troop, gave great assistance to the ladies who worked on behalf of the Belgian fund Tuesday night, in Rothsay.

Welsford Troop.

Meeting of the Welsford Troop of the Boy Scouts took place in the Victoria Hall last week. There were eleven present.

The following question in connection with past work were reviewed:

1—What scout law says a scout must do at least one good turn a day?

2—What is the hardest law to live up to?

3—What knot is opposite to the granny knot?

4—What is the sheep-bend knot used for?

5—What is the sign: "I have gone home?"

6—Describe the proper method for signing a sign?

7—What flag has the white diagonal cross and the blue field?

8—In what way does the St. Patrick Cross resemble the St. George's Cross?

9—What year did the St. Andrew and St. George unite?

10—Describe method to stop nose bleeding.

11—Name the kinds of fractures.

12—What can be used as a splint and how is it applied?

13—Why do you like to be a Scout, and why is it the best organization for boys?

14—How many circles are in the semaphore method of learning to signal?

The following programme was also given through:

1—Reviewing semaphore signalling.

2—Giving the following messages: A good scout obeys orders. On my honor it is so. Summer is approaching.

3—A scout is a faithful friend.

4—A scout is obedient.

5—A scout drills and reviewing the scout's pace.