

IMPROVEMENT IN THE BOY SCOUTS

Results of Recent Tests Very Gratifying

Preparing for District Field Day — Scouting Has Made Impression in Russia — Good News About Camp.

The long-awaited results of the Thorne Trophy at last has been announced, showing Trinity Troop winner by 5 per cent. The whole competition was worked out this year on a percentage basis and found Trinity with 90.1 per cent, centenary with 84.95 per cent, St. Luke's with 76.1 per cent and Mission with 64.4 per cent.



THE BOY SCOUT.

As much as the competition last year was judged on a total of points it is very difficult to judge as to how Trinity's lead compares with that of last year. The important fact, however, which is clearly brought out is that Trinity as well as practically every other troop in the district has shown a splendid increase in accomplishment and general efficiency. Centenary troop made a plucky fight for the honors as did St. Luke's and Mission troops. St. Luke's troop was the dark horse of the competition as it was organized only last fall and has advanced in a surprising manner during the winter. Presentation of the trophy will take place as soon as arrangements can be made.

Another piece of news which is of interest to the district is that a district field day will be held on Thursday, June 3. It will take the form of games and competitions. All scouts will assemble at St. Paul's church bringing food for two meals, at 9.45 Thursday morning. They will choose sides out of which will start in advance and arrange themselves about a point outside the city. The remainder will then attack this point with a view to reaching it without being touched by the defenders. It should make a very interesting game and give some good practice in scouting. Each party will be under the command of a troop leader who will act as judge. Following this opening game competition will be held in the afternoon, being fire-lighting and entertaining. Every troop will be expected to put on some stunt at the evening camp fire which will close the day's outing.

In a recent issue of the Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell contributes a very interesting item which he received from an officer in Russia. It reads: "In May and June 1919, I was in command of a train, Trans-Siberian Railway, taking horses up from Vladivostok to the White Army in the Ural mountains. My train guard consisted of R. N. W. M. P. Troopers and Russian Hussars (the latter having been recruited from Boy Scouts in Russian and Vladivostok, and being aged of 16 to 20 years old. My train was wrecked by Bolsheviks, and had a great number of casualties among horses and men. One of my Russian hussars, a mere lad, was pinned down beneath some wreckage with an arm broken and head badly cut. I gave orders for him to be removed, but he refused to stir or be treated until some of the wreckage had been removed. When this was done, we removed the boy, who was nearly fainting, and got some brandy for him, but when I held it to his lips he shook his head and said in broken English, 'Me Boy Scout.' I recommended him for the British Empire Service Medal which he received." Evidently Scouting has made quite an impression in Russia and if so there is a great deal of hope for the future Russia yet.

H. O. Eaman has been seeking a good camping spot for some time now and believes he has secured an ideal site for the Provincial camp. This camp will probably be held after July 9, and will last about four weeks if present plans are carried into effect. Any troop will be able to come in either in a body to camp by themselves in a section of the grounds, or the Scouts may attend a special open meeting. Scoutmaster Dunlop is pleased with the progress that has been made during the year and predicts big things for the fall and winter.

13th, Coburg Street Troop.

The 13th troop met as usual Tuesday evening and took up various interesting points regarding the Tenderfoot and Second Class Badges. Scouts W. Hyslop and T. Allen were sworn in as tenderfoot scouts and received their badges. Friday night 4 will witness the troop gathered for a special open meeting. Scoutmaster Dunlop is pleased with the progress that has been made during the year and predicts big things for the fall and winter.

FIRST LADY CITY CLERK IN CANADA

Appointed by Windsor, Ont., Council This Week.

Windsor, Ont., May 29—Miss Martha Dickinson, who for the last eighteen years has been employed in the office of the city clerk here, and who for a large part of that time has discharged acceptably the duties of City Clerk, Lusted, was this week, by a practically unanimous vote of the council, appointed to succeed Mr. Lusted upon his retirement on July 1 next. The position carries with it a salary of \$2,400 a year. It is believed Miss Dickinson will be the first woman in Canada ever named to a similar position. Alderman Wood, besides Miss Dickinson, there were six applicants for the post.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has generously replaced it by one of equal value, to be competed for by officers of any nationality at next month's show at Olympia, but in the meantime if any traveler returning from Russia has gleaned any knowledge of the missing trophy, the directors of the International Horse Show will be delighted to know its whereabouts.

MOTORING SINCE LAST AUGUST

Seattle Visitors Arrive at Chatham.

Chatham, May 29—(Special)—Mr. James O'Leary of Seattle (Wash.), accompanied by his wife, has arrived in Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary have been traveling by motor since August, 1919, visiting numerous cities and centres of the United States and Canada. Mr. O'Leary formerly belonged to the Miramichi, but has been residing in Seattle for the past fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary intend remaining some time visiting relatives here.

MINTO MINERS WAGE DEMANDS

Harry Herford, of Ottawa, head of the government employment service in the maritime provinces, said that he intended to go to Minto soon in connection with the wages demands made by the coal miners there. He said he had not been informed that he is to be chairman of a conciliation board, which has been appointed to adjust the situation at Minto. The chairman in such cases is agreed on by the representatives of the mine owners and the miners. President Robert Baxter of the United Mine Workers is expected in Minto today to look after the interests of the miners.

LOCAL HOSPITAL NOT UP TO STANDARD

Dr. John G. Bowman, of Chicago, director of the American College of Surgeons, who is touring Canada advertising standardization of hospitals, said that the Chatham hospital was held at the present level of the organization of hospitals along modern lines in order that the public may receive the maximum of service. He said the St. John hospital did not measure up to the required standards in this respect but would have to be reorganized and the staff would have to be arranged for before it could give the proper service.

CHATHAM DIOCESE HOLDS CONFERENCE

Bathurst, May 28—(Special)—An ecclesiastical conference for the priests of the Chatham diocese was held at the Priory here during the course of the week. Among those in attendance were His Lordship Bishop L. J. Leary, Rev. J. E. Power, Nelson, Rev. P. W. Dixon, Newcastle; Rev. W. Varnish, Chatham; Mons. Doucet, Grand Anse; Rev. J. E. Poirier, St. Therese, and Rev. J. Whiten and Rev. Father L'Eveque of Bathurst; Rev. J. Carter, Petit Rocher.

Rev. Father Cox, of Montreal, who has been conducting a short retreat for the members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary. At its conclusion a three days' meeting for the members of the congregation follow.

SUSSEX CHEESE BOARD.

A meeting of the N. B. Cheese and Butter Board was held in the Agricultural School building on Tuesday the 26th inst. Four hundred and sixty-two were seated at twenty-two tables. An offer of 28½ cents was made to the board. The cheese board were as follows:

Number	
20	Cornhill Cor.
10	Cornhill C.B.C.
10	Newtown
20	Carsonville
20	Head of Millstream
20	Berwick
20	Collins
20	Pearsonville
20	Belleisle
20	Penobscus
460	Total

The next meeting of the Cheese and Butter Board will be held on Friday, June 4th, at 8 o'clock p.m., instead of at one o'clock as formerly. The change in time has been made so as to enable buyers from St. John to reach Sussex on the C. P. R. and return on the next train going west. Next meeting promises to be a busy one with a large number of cheese board and a big attendance of salesmen and buyers.

MOTOR-POWER MOWER.

The lot committee of the Penhill cemetery directorate made an inspection of the grounds yesterday afternoon and saw the new motor-power mower in operation for the first time. This machine has a wide cutting knife which can cut in two hours an area which took the time of two men for three days, do by hand. To get full benefit from this machine, it was decided to sell all lots between Fourth path and the avenue, under perpetual care and to adopt the rolling mound for all graves. Another section of lower priced lots, also will be opened. Several monuments were inspected and rates set for their perpetual care. The shelter house and the home of the superintendent will be painted this spring.

Cork Kills Baby.

London, May 29—A four-months-old baby at Dunsfold, Surrey, swallowed a cork and died before its mother could remove it with a buttonhook.

GENERAL CURRIE

Sketch of Leader of Canadians in War — Teacher, Business Man, Soldier.

Following is a sketch of General Sir Arthur Currie who is coming to St. John: Inspector general military forces of Canada and principal military counselor to the government. Born: Naperton, county of Middlesex, Ont., December 5th, 1875, son of William Currie.

General Currie (deceased) and Jane (Paterson) Currie. Educated: Public schools, Strathroy Collegiate Institute, and Strathroy Model School. Came to Victoria, B. C., in 1894, from Ontario. Began the profession of teaching at Sidney, British Columbia, where he remained for two years. In 1896 accepted a position public schools Victoria, practicing his profession for three and a half years, after which he became associated with Mr. J. S. H. Matson in insurance work, continuing this association until 1906. In 1906 General Currie, extended his insurance business to include Real Estate, etc., a business which he successfully conducted till the war broke out in 1914.

Began his military career by joining the 8th Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery (Active Militia of Canada) in 1906. He was the early member of 1897. Received his commission in this regiment in 1900, passing through all ranks until he was given the rank of Major in 1909. He held this command until November, 1913, when he left the Regiment and assisted in the formation of the 8th Regiment, Gordon Highlanders of Canada. During the time he was in command of the 8th Regiment it attained a very high standard. His participation in 1912 and 1913 all the first and second prizes in Garrison Artillery competitions conducted under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association. On the outbreak of the war he volunteered for overseas service, and was offered the command of an Infantry Brigade in the 8th Division. He was given command of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade, which was recruited principally in Saskatchewan; the 6th Battalion from Manitoba; the 7th Battalion, from British Columbia; and the 8th Battalion from Winnipeg and surrounding districts. Before the Brigade crossed to France, in February, 1915, the 10th Battalion from the 1st Canadian Division from Manitoba and Alberta, was substituted for the 6th. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in January, 1915, and in August, 1915, he was promoted to the rank of Major-General. This Brigade took part with the 1st Canadian Division in the Battle of Ypres, April, 1915, the first occasion on which the Germans used poison gas. For his work in connection with this battle General Currie was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Honour. He was also awarded the Croix de Guerre by the President of France.

Commanded his brigade through the battles of Festubert, Givenchy, and second Ypres. He was promoted to the command of the 1st Canadian Division in September, 1915. Remained in command of the 1st Division until June, 1917, taking part in the battle of Mont Sorrel in June, 1916, the Somme in September and October, 1916. Vimy and Arras in April, 1917, and Fresnoy, Me-3rd, 1917. On June 8th, 1917, General Byng was promoted to the command of the 3rd British Army, leaving the position to command the Canadian Corps, and it was the splendid work of the 1st Canadian Division during these battles under the command of General Currie that won for him the promotion to the command of the Canadian Corps. He remained in command until it was transferred to the 4th Canadian Division in 1918. During these years the Corps took part in all the principal battles of the British Army, including the capture of Vimy, the failure to take its objective, never losing a gun, or of being driven from an inch of ground once consolidated. The principal battles fought during General Currie's tenure of command of the Corps were Hill 70, in August, 1917; Passchendaele, October and November, 1917; Amiens, 8th August, 1918; Valenciennes, November 18, 1918; Mons, November 18th, 1918. It was the battle of Amiens which initiated the British offensive in 1918, an offensive which did not close until the enemy admitted defeat (General Ludendorff in his writings has declared August 8th to be the day after it their retreat became continuous and disorderly.

After the armistice two divisions of the Canadian Corps were sent to form part of the British Force holding the bridge-head, and during December, 1918, and January 1919, General Currie commanded his force, with headquarters at Bonn, Germany. In June, 1917, General Currie was awarded the K. C. M. G., which honor of knighthood was conferred by His Majesty the King in the old ruined town of Albert. In November, 1917 the French awarded him a Croix de Guerre with palms, and the Belgians conferred the Grand Officer of the Ordre de la Couronne and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. In January,

ONE MAN IS MAIMED, ANOTHER BLINDED

Dynamite Caps Explode While Miner Juggles With Them.

Cobalt, May 29—Vincent Arney, aged eighteen, a young miner, stood talking to his friend Albert Desjardins, near their home, and at the same time juggled four or five dynamite caps in his hands. Evidently one struck another harder than usual and the five exploded. One of Arney's hands was blown off, and all but one finger of the other. Desjardins received the full force of the explosion in the face and lost one eye. He was badly injured in the side. They were brought to the Mines Hospital in a serious condition.

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Stormy Career

Rose to Power in Mexico Over Graves of Rivals — His Methods of Government.

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Venustiano Carranza, Mexico's most rigid radical, the unyielding and unimpeachable man who, consistently and faithfully, but not always tactfully, worked for the good of Mexico for the last twenty-odd years, had perhaps the most remarkable of all Mexican military and political careers, combining as he did a new vision of Mexican statesmanship with the conventional Mexican programme of gaining power by revolution.

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