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## By the Camp Fire

Notes on Scoutcraft

Commissioner Rev. George W. Tebbs.

### "Why Wolf Cubs?"

"WHY call them Wolf Cubs?" people are asking regarding the Junior Branch of the Boy Scout Movement. Because, as a first step, we appeal to the boy's sense of Romance. Because the furry little brother of the prairie or bush seems, somehow, to embody the ideals of keenness, purity, obedience that we want to hold up to the boys. To the wild tribes who brought scouting to perfection, the Wolf is the perfect scout. With our Boy Scouts the "Silver Wolf" is the highest order that can be gained. And so we call the Junior Scouts "Wolf Cubs," and thus find ready to our hand a symbol of innocence and the gaiety of nature; of obedience founded on the realization that the Old Wolf knows best, and is in authority; of an alertness and eagerness to learn, so becoming the skilful scout of the jungle.

And they live up to their name. Nothing could be more eager and alert than those bare-kneed youngsters.

"Do Your Best" is their motto, and they have taken it to heart. They repeat it constantly to each other. They set about things with an enthusiasm and energy that is bound to succeed. Whilst a healthy ambition is set on foot a selfish tendency is brought up short by the Cub Law; "The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf; The Cub does not give in to himself." "Who may become Wolf Cubs?"

Every boy between the ages of 8 and 12 who enrolls as a member of the Boy Scouts Association, and who having passed the tenderpad tests, promises on his honour TO DO HIS BEST, to keep

The Cub Promise:—

1. To be loyal to God, and the King, and to the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack.  
2. To do a good turn to somebody every day.

The Wolf Cub programme fits in splendidly with every scheme in Parish, Church and Sunday School for the development of the boy, and places within reach of our officers and others a splendid avenue of social service for the smaller boys.

"During my recent tour in the United States and Canada. I have been struck by the extent to which Scouting has developed in its popularity and efficacy since my last visit. (This was nine years ago.) This reflects high credit on the patriotic men who have taken upon themselves its administration; and at the same time gives inspiring promise of its national possibilities in the near future."—Sir Robert Baden-Powell, K.C.B.

### Caught.

"I say, Tom, come here!"

"Well?"

"Think of a number."

"Yes."

"Double it."

"Yes."

"Add twenty."

"Yes—go on."

"Halve it."

"Yes."

"Take away the number you first thought of."

"Yes, I've done that"

"Leaves ten?"

"No, it doesn't"

"Of course it does! What number did you think of?"

"The last number of THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN."

It's fine."

### Halifax Scouts.

During the past summer a great renewal of interest in Boy Scout

activities has been evidenced. Both the visit of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, our Chief Scout, and more recently the visit of the Prince of Wales, Chief Scout for Wales has added to the enthusiasm previously manifested. Several Summer Camps were held in the Province, in addition to the Leaders Camp on the shores of Pictou Harbour in July. The King's County troops camp under the leadership of Scoutmaster Brown and the Dartmouth Troop near Bedford under Scoutmaster W. B. Elliott, were very successful.

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### 150 Miles' Hike to See the Prince.

This was carried out by five members of the 1st Woodstock (N.B.) Troop of Boy Scouts. Leaving their home town Saturday morning, August 2nd, carrying their blankets, cooking utensils, and extra clothing they reached Meductic the first day and on Tuesday evening were in Fredericton. They then followed the river road to St. John reaching there on Sunday night the 10th. They were just over a week, being delayed by rain on the way, in accomplishing the journey. Every inch of the "hike" was covered on foot, no offers of rides being accepted. Station platforms and barns were used for sleeping quarters; and on the march no meals were carried. In St. John they obtained their wish—they greeted the Prince.

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### SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

"There goes Mr. Sharp. I wonder how he made all his money?"

"Heaven knows!"

"Ah! that must be why he always looks so worried!"

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### WONDERFUL.

A member of the board of trustees was speaking to some school children. "My young friends," said he, "let me urge upon you the necessity not only of reading good books, but also of owning them, so that you may have access to them at all times. When I was a youth I used frequently to work all night to earn money to buy books, and then get up before daylight to read them!"

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### THOROUGHLY CAPTURED.

A man who was wanted by the police had been photographed in six different positions and the pictures sent to the chief of police of a provincial town where it was thought likely the fugitive was hiding. After the lapse of a few days the following reply reached headquarters:—

"Sir: I duly received the portraits of the six miscreants whose capture is desired; I have arrested five of them, and the sixth is under observation and will be secured shortly."

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### PAT'S STRATEGY.

An Irishman had to go to law and in consultation with his counsel he was told that he had a good fighting chance. Paddy, who was anxious to win the case, was meditative for a moment, then he said: "Do you think it would be any good to send the judge a pair of ducks?" "No, no, you mustn't do that," said his lawyer. "If you send him a pair of ducks he will be sure to decide the case against you." A day or so later the case was heard and Paddy won with flying colours. In the course of the congratulations, Paddy remarked: "It was just as well I sent the judge them ducks." "What!" exclaimed the lawyer, "did you send the ducks?" "Yes," said Paddy quite pleased with himself, "but after what you said I sent them from the man on the other side."