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THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., K.T., K.P., P.C., ETC.
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

By

GERALD H. BROWN

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[The Boy Scouts Movement was founded in England by Lieut-General Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, in 1908, and very shortly afterwards crossed the Atlantic to Canada and the United States in both of which countries as well as in Great Britain and the overseas Dominions of the British Empire it has quickly attained to very large proportions. The prime object of the movement is to aid in furnishing a character education to the boys who are in their turn to become the parents and the citizens of the nation.

The plan of organization and of training laid down by the founder were at first intended to be used by existing boys' organizations, such as Y. M. C. A.'s Boys' Brigades, schools and cadet corps. However, the movement quickly outgrew these bounds and it was necessary to evolve a plan of control which without hampering the growth and freedom of individual troops would secure uniformity on broad lines. For this purpose a Headquarters Council was formed in England, a similar body in the United States and Dominion Councils in the overseas portions of the British Empire. The organization on this basis in Canada dates from the autumn of 1910, following a visit which General Baden-Powell made to this country. His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada, took a deep personal interest in the movement and was pleased to accept the position of Chief Scout for Canada which he continued to fill until his departure from Canada in the autumn of 1911.

[Shortly after his arrival in the Dominion his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was waited upon by a deputation representing the Canadian Boy Scouts who requested that he should accept the position of Chief Scout in succession to His Excellency Earl Grey. His Royal Highness in reply accepted this proposal and at the same time spoke of the interest which he had taken in the organization from its inception and of his desire to do all in his power to encourage and assist its growth in this country. All warrants of appointment and all awards for gallant conduct, etc., among the Canadian Boy Scouts bear the signature of His Royal Highness the Chief Scout, who is assisted in the general oversight of the movement throughout Canada by a Dominion Council with headquarters at Ottawa.

As the work of organization proceeded in Canada, Provincial councils were also established in all the Provinces, with local associations both in the centres of population and in very many of the rural districts, and it is estimated that the total strength of the Boy Scouts movement throughout Canada at the time of writing (July 1912,) is about 40,000. The work has been taken

up most enthusiastically and has enlisted the active co-operation of some 300 certificated Scoutmasters and the generous support of the public in the financial provision which is required.

The results of the Scouts training are shown in the useful knowledge acquired by the lads in Scoutercraft in its various branches and in the physical, mental and moral development of its membership. Many deeds of gallantry have been brought to the attention of the Dominion Council and have been suitably recognized by His Royal Highness the Chief Scout. The movement is not in any sense denominational but on the contrary includes in Canada, as elsewhere, members of different races and religious beliefs. The motto of the Boy Scouts is "Be Prepared" and the principles which are particularly impressed on the membership are those of honor, endurance resourcefulness and helpfulness to others.

When Canada was invited to send representatives to the great Rally of Boy Scouts to be held at Windsor a few days after the Coronation the difficulties in the way seemed insurmountable, but as the time approached several of the Provincial councils made arrangements for transportation and advised Headquarters that they would be represented. The Dominion Council with the approval of the Chief Scout, Lord Grey, appointed Lt-Col. F. Minden Cole, Chairman of the Montreal Council, to command the Contingent in England, and this booklet contains his Report made to the Chief Scout after their return to Canada.



Report of the Contingent at the Coronation and at
The King's Rally.

Montreal, August 31st, 1911

His Excellency,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, G.C.M.G., etc.

Chief Scout for Canada,

Baden-Powell Boy Scouts.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Supplementing the cable messages and letters sent to Lt.-Colonel Sherwood for your information I have the honor to submit a Report of the Canadian Boy Scouts contingent which attended the Coronation in June and the Rally and Review by His Majesty at Windsor on July the fourth. The Contingent numbered in all 136, consisting of four Commissioners, eleven Scoutmasters, and one hundred and twenty-one Scouts, representing six Provinces.

The portion of the contingent inspected by Your Excellency on the McGill Campus, Montreal, numbered 104 in all, and consisted of the Scouts from the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan. These embarked with me the same evening on the SS Megantic and after a pleasant voyage we reached Liverpool Sunday morning June 18th. The day before we landed I had an inspection of the boys and at this inspection Senator Kerr of Toronto, Mayor Guerin of Montreal, and Sir James Barr, one of the King's Physicians, returning from the Medical Congress in Montreal, addressed them.

On arrival at Liverpool we were met at the quay by Major Strong, District Commissioner of the B-P Boy Scouts and a number of boys from the local troops, also by Colonel Ulick de Burgh, C.B. and Capt. Wade of the Headquarters Staff who had come from London to meet us and returned with us to Euston and on to our camp at Roehampton. We were taken across London in busses to Waterloo Station, and as scarcely any of the boys had been outside Canada before their faces depicted pleasure and excitement at their first glimpse of the great city in which during the next few days and weeks they were destined to witness events and places of historic interest.

From Waterloo we went by train to Barnes, S.W. a station a little beyond Putney, and from there the boys marched a mile and a quarter by a narrow but beautiful road—Roehampton Lane—to the camp prepared for us on the grounds of Roehampton House the residence of Captain Arthur Grenfell.

Not only did Captain Grenfell grant the use of his polo field, an ideal spot for a camp, but he and Mrs Grenfell during the whole time of our stay in camp did everything possible to add to the comfort and pleasure of scoutmasters and scouts. We took the opportunity at several public banquets to express our appreciation of their kind hospitality and on each occasion the boys evinced their approbation with the unrestrained enthusiasm of youth.

I wish to mention also the thoughtful interest taken in the scouts by Captain Francis Grenfell and his brother Mr. Vivian Grenfell, both of whom viad with their brother Capt Arthur Grenfell in obtaining invitations for the boys to the theatres and other places of interest, and in supplying them with footballs and cricket outfits. Their reputation as polo players was known to the scouts who looked forward to their daily visit to the camp with the keenest pleasure.

The hospitality extended to us by the Chief Scout and the Headquarters Staff was more than we had any reason to expect at a time when they were literally working day and night in connection with the coming Rally and considering the heavy outlay that great undertaking must have entailed.

We went over as you know prepared to meet all our own expenses in camp, and while we paid for our subsistence under the very satisfactory catering arrangements made on our behalf by the Headquarters staff, the cost of establishing and fitting up the Camp was paid by Headquarters. The item could not have been a small one when it is considered that the sanitary arrangements were most satisfactory, that running water was put in with porcelain bathtubs for the boys, a cook house built, a huge marquee provided which gave ample room to seat all the boys for their meals and any visiting troops and also allowed space for a canteen at one end and a platform on which was placed a piano at the other. The tents were all floored, the scoutmasters supplied with cots and dressing tables and the scouts with straw palliasses.

Some of the scoutmasters could sing and play the piano and there was considerable musical talent to be found amongst the boys, so that an interesting concert was usually provided to fill in the evenings spent in camp.

We arrived at the camp about 6 o'clock (Sunday evening) and were met by Captain and Mrs Grenfell who gave us a cordial welcome. They were



The Commissioner's Bugler, Scout John Coleman, of Brantford, Ont.

accompanied by the Hon Walter Scott, Premier of Saskatchewan, and Mrs Scott, and other visitors to Roehampton House.

Scoutmaster Evans of Montreal had been sent to England a week ahead to report at Headquarters and to assist in any way possible in arranging for our reception. He found that Colonel de Burgh assisted by Captain Wade had been in communication with a number of influential men who had promised their co-operation and had arranged a tentative programme to cover the time we would be in England. Mr Evans acted throughout as our advance agent and quartermaster, making all the necessary transportation arrangements, providing all meals required in our travels, and obtaining free admission or reduced rates for the theatres, places of amusement, public buildings, etc., to fill in the time not covered by the Headquarters' programme. Mr. Evans did not spare himself in the slightest and in spite of his arduous duties which were admirably carried out he was always ready if wanted to play accompaniments on the piano or lead in the singing. The scouts always sang their grace before meals, standing, to the air of the Doxology as follows:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee."

This was sung not only in camp but wherever we were being entertained. Our Canadian boys soon learned to sing well together, and when joined by the scouts from Malta and Gibraltar could raise a volume of sound that was a pleasure to listen to. One patrol was detailed each day to wait on table and assist at the Cook house and the boys did the work well and efficiently.

Colonel de Burgh, a cavalry officer who has seen service in India and other parts of the Empire, is devoting his time to the Boy Scout Movement as next in command to the Chief Scout at Headquarters. He endeared himself to our boys by his address of welcome when we reached camp and as they got to know him better they loved to have him with them. His assistant, Capt. Wade, was already known to some of us who had met him last year when he brought a Troop of English Boy Scouts for a trip through Canada. Capt. Wade had his tent next to mine and remained with us until we broke camp to return home. He accompanied us in all our travels and was of the greatest assistance through his knowledge of local conditions, and was at all times ready to communicate our slightest wishes to Headquarters.

The Chief Scoutmaster, Mr J. A. Kyle, who is Secretary at Headquarters, has a Troop at Richmond, the boys of which pitched the tents and put the camp in readiness before our arrival, and struck the tents and cleaned up after our departure. In other ways they showed us many attentions during our stay which we greatly appreciated.

JUNE 19, MONDAY

To give the boys an impression of London the first thing arranged for them was a drive through the principal streets. Taking train to Waterloo they found three charabancs awaiting them which drove them around as follows: Via London Bridge, the Monument, Billingsgate, to the Tower of London, which latter they thoroughly investigated even to the dungeons, spending an hour and a half there. The drive was continued via Great Tower Street, Leadenhall, Cornhill, St Paul's, Fleet Street, Strand, Piccadilly,



Some of the Ontario and Western boys were experts with the lasso.

Green Park, St. James's, Victoria Street, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Bridge and back to Waterloo, returning to camp.

Before leaving for London the boys were made ready for the announced inspection in the evening by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. The Chief Scout arrived at camp about seven o'clock and was greeted with the "Circular Rally". After a thorough inspection he expressed himself as greatly pleased with the physique and general bearing of the boys and stated that the Scout Movement must have made rapid and wonderful strides since his visit to Canada. He shook hands with each King's Scout and then addressed the boys in the marquee, and presented a number of proficiency badges. This was the first opportunity most of the lads had had of meeting the Chief Scout and they were naturally deeply interested and on the alert.

JUNE 20, TUESDAY

Through Captain Grenfell an invitation had come from Lord Lonsdale to visit the Horse Show at Olympia and we spent the morning there the principal event while we were present being the competition for the Canadian Cup, for hurdle jumping—horses to be ridden by officers in uniform. The competitors were drawn from every nation in Europe as well as from Canada and the United States. The horses, the flowers, the scenery, the stables, all tended to make the visit a memorable one. Lord Lonsdale inspected the boys and particularly questioned those from the North West, telling them he had travelled farther north than any of them when he paddled down the Mackenzie River.

After lunch in camp the boys marched to Barnes and took train to Waterloo, Mr Hammond in charge, taking with them a large wreath of maple leaves which the Ontario Scouts had brought over with them. From Waterloo they marched to the Queen Victoria Memorial at Buckingham Palace and in a simple but impressive ceremony the wreath was placed at the foot of the statue.

I rejoined the Scouts and we took train at Victoria Station for the Crystal Palace where we had been invited to act as a Guard of Honor for the reception of the Colonial Premiers. We were the guests at tea of the Crystal Palace authorities after which we formed up in the space allotted us. It turned out that we were to share the duties of forming a guard of honor with the Australian Militia and Cadets and some slight friction was caused when they marched in and forcibly occupied part of the space in which the Scouts were drawn up. The trouble however was straightened out before the visiting Premiers and their suites arrived. The boys were given an hour's freedom in the grounds and then we returned by train, changing at Clapham Junction, to camp.

JUNE 21, WEDNESDAY

In the morning the lads were sent in charge of some scoutmasters to the Wandsworth Baths. In fact in addition to the bathing arrangements in camp they were given an opportunity every few days of hot or cold baths and a swim, at the public baths at Wandsworth or Richmond.

In the afternoon and evening they were required to rest to prepare them for an early start on the morrow.

CORONATION DAY.

JUNE 22, THURSDAY

When we left Canada we understood that only twenty of our number could be granted places on the Route to view the Coronation Procession, but a wireless message reached us before we landed stating that one hundred of our Scouts could be accommodated. We later found that of the two hundred places assigned officially to the Scouts the Chief Scout and his Staff had most generously allotted one hundred to the Overseas Contingent, and thus the whole of our Contingent then in England was able to view the Procession both days from a splendid place on Constitution Hill. Our numbers had been augmented by two scouts from Manitoba, and the Contingent from Malta had joined our camp, consisting of Scoutmaster Rowe and six scouts.



Daily visitors at the camp. The two sons of Captain Grenfell, grandchildren of Lord Grey.

Reville sounded at 3.45. Busses conveyed us to the East Putney District Railway Station and we reached Victoria by one of the many early specials, where, outside the Scout Headquarters, we joined a party of one hundred English Scouts—mostly Life Savers. The whole party under the command of Colonel de Burgh then marched to our position on Constitution

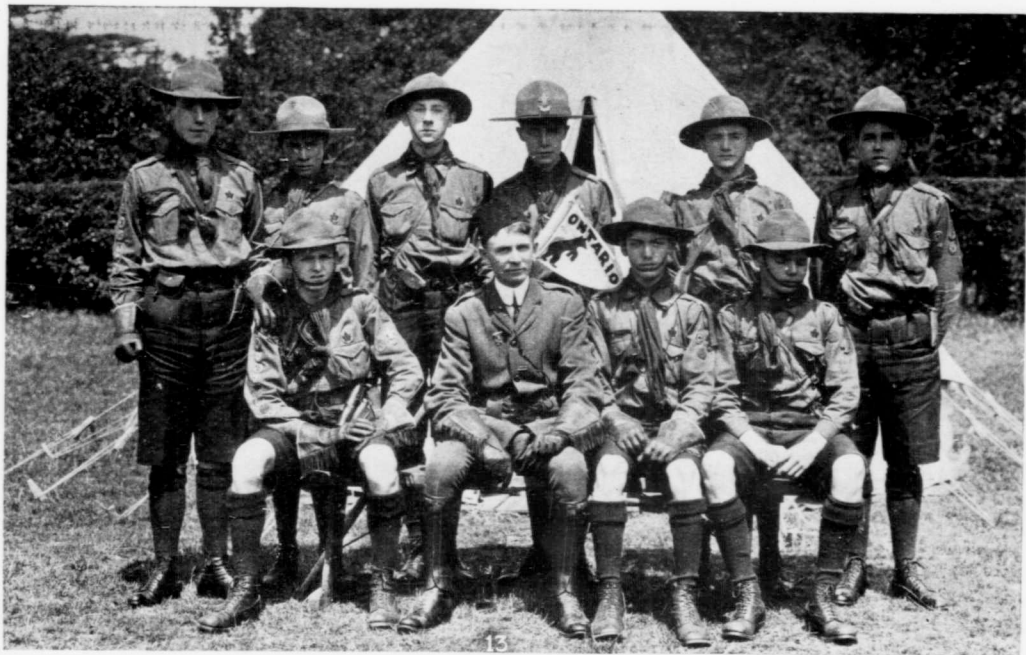


A patrol was detailed each day to assist at the cook-house.

Hill. During the early morning the Chief Scout joined us—in scout uniform—and remained with us for the rest of the day. He took several of us through the lines to the gates of Buckingham Palace, and later got permission for the boys to stroll into Green Park until within half an hour of the time fixed for the Procession to pass. While waiting in their places they gave their "yells"—in the nature of college yells—which they had composed on board ship, much to the amusement of the crowds on the stands opposite our position.

In the morning we had caught a glimpse of moving color when the Procession was leaving Buckingham Palace, hours later we had heard the booming of the guns which announced the Crowning in the Abbey, and now the Procession is close at hand! As the leading troops come along we have time to admire the beautiful horses and brilliant uniforms, the picturesque garb of the Indian cavalry, the businesslike air of our own North West Mounted Police. But all is forgotten when we see the Royal carriage, and the King and Queen, newly crowned, bowing to the right and left in acknowledgement of the salutes of the troops and the spontaneous outbursts of cheering from thousands of loyal subjects. And of all the thousands who had the privilege of viewing the Procession none were more loyal or more enthusiastic than the hundred representative Boy Scouts from Canada.

Soon after three o'clock we received permission to march off and we returned to camp.



Ass't Commissioner H. G. Hammond and a group of Ontario Scouts.

JUNE 23, FRIDAY

Reveille sounded at 4.45 an hour later than yesterday. We proceeded by the same route to Victoria where we again joined the English Scouts and marched to our position of yesterday on Constitution Hill. The Procession passed about eleven o'clock. It exceeded in magnificence and was longer than that of the day before. It was a wonderful and amazing display of life and color. Their Majesties were in an open carriage and we had a better view of them than we had had yesterday. Soon after noon we returned to camp and the boys who were very tired rested for the balance of the day.

JUNE 24, SATURDAY

In the morning after a visit to the Wandsworth Baths the boys were free to go to London, and they went off, some to see the decorations, some to the Art Galleries, some to go shopping and others to visit relatives or friends. I soon found that the boys could be trusted to find their way about and to return to camp when their leave was up. They became very friendly with the London policemen who were always ready and willing to put them on the right road. They soon learnt the pleasure and comfort to be derived from riding in taxi cabs and I am afraid a good percentage of their pocket money went in this way. When given a free day they usually travelled in small groups, chums keeping together, and if they returned by train to Putney they could usually find a taxi to bring them to camp. Then the Scoutmasters used the taxis very freely and any available space was filled in with boys bound in the same direction.

JUNE 25, SUNDAY

Church Parade to St. Paul's Cathedral where space had been reserved for us at the morning service. We went by train to Waterloo and marched from there. It was raining hard when we came out but all had waterproof capes and we reached camp in comfort.

In the afternoon we were honored by a visit from General Sir Neville Lytton, Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, and Lady Lytton. As it was raining the boys were drawn up in the marquee. The General in a short address gave the scouts some good advice and spoke of his pleasant recollections of Canada where he spent part of his military service as a young man. Amongst other visitors to the camp were the Marchioness of Donegall and her little son Lord Donegall, Mrs. Twining, Premier Scott of Saskatchewan, many friends and relatives of the boys, besides a number of local residents.

Princess Langrana, an Indian Princess, now residing at Carshalton, had sent an invitation for tea in the afternoon, and immediately after the inspection Scoutmaster Nigel Young with twenty scouts left hurriedly to accept this invitation and had a very pleasant time.

JUNE 26, MONDAY

The Headquarters Staff with the co-operation of Colonel the Hon. Sir Henry Crichton, Commissioner for the County of Hampshire, and Lt. Col. Hollway, District Commissioner, and the sanction of the Commander-in-Chief had arranged for us to visit the Fleet which had been reviewed by the King on Saturday and which was to disperse on Tuesday. We made an early start from camp, arrived at Portsmouth at 9.30, and were met by the Commissioner and a detachment of local Scouts. At the jetty we saw the King's Yacht and the Royal train ready to convey His Majesty back to London. We were taken over the Naval Dockyards where we saw war ves-

sels under construction from super-dreadnaughts to submarines. After luncheon we went aboard H. M. S. Seahorse, a gunboat, and were taken up and down through the lines of the formidable looking Fleet which seemed to stretch for miles, the farthest ships almost invisible in the distant haze. The Captain of the Seahorse and Colonel de Burgh named the different vessels as we passed them and denoted the class to which each belonged. The boys were struck by the mathematical precision with which the ships were lined up. As they gradually realized the latent power which the fleet they were viewing represented—a fleet drawn wholly from home waters—a profound impression was made upon their young and receptive minds which I am fully convinced will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Returning to the Dockyards we marched to the Town Hall where we were entertained at tea by the Mayor and Councillors of Portsmouth. In an address of welcome, His Worship Mayor Foster drew our attention to the old Charters hanging on the walls, and afterwards presented each of us with a china beaker on which was the coat-of-arms of the Town, in commemoration of the King's Coronation. We left Portsmouth by train at 8 o'clock and arrived at camp before midnight.

JUNE 27, TUESDAY

The boys were free in the morning to go to the city. In the afternoon we were the guests of the Ranelagh Club. Tea was served in the open extension adjoining the Club house, after which we were shown over the beautiful and extensive grounds including four polo fields, golf links, tennis courts, croquet lawns, and an open air theatre. In the grounds we met a number of Indian officers who had been practising tent pegging, etc., for their coming gymkana. One of them, a tall handsome man, gathered the boys about him and told them something of the Indian sports and gave them a cordial invitation to witness the gymkana. This was the Maharajah of Patalia.

To-day twelve of our boys were the guests of the Rev. Mr. Prestie, Scoutmaster of one of the Holborn Troops, who took them to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner and afterwards to the Coliseum Theatre.

JUNE 28, WEDNESDAY

After an early lunch the scouts from Ontario and Quebec left for Goodwood, and as they were to continue on to Hastings, Mr. Hammond's native town, he took charge for this trip. I remained behind, as did the Saskatchewan Contingent, and availed myself of the time while the others were away to assist in straightening out some matters for the Saskatchewan and arranging for them to participate in the programme provided for the other Scouts.

Regarding the trip to Goodwood and Hastings I will quote from Scoutmaster Evans' Report to me:

"Arriving at Chichester at 2.30 we were welcomed by the Mayor, supported by the Local Scouts, and then we were marched to the residence of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, about four miles away. The boys were quartered in the Kennels. After tea we were conducted by Lord March, son of the Duke of Richmond, to the world renowned Race Course, and on our return to our quarters we were shown over the Pheasantry and lawns.



HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON

JUNE 29, THURSDAY

After breakfast the boys were received by the Duke of Richmond, and the Duke and Lord March presently conducted the boys over Goodwood House, the mansion which contains countless old and interesting relics. From the Mansion House the boys were taken through the underground passages, and were shown the Shell House, which inside is entirely decorated with shells—the floor is made solely of horses teeth.

At noon the officers dined at the Earl of March's house. In the afternoon we marched to Chichester again and took train for Hastings, which we reached about 6.30. Hastings' Scouts met us at the station and took us to the camp which they had arranged for us on a hill overlooking the sea.

JUNE 30, FRIDAY

In the morning before breakfast the boys of course had a swim. Following breakfast they were taken to St. Clement's Caves and in the afternoon they were received by the Mayor. In the evening by invitation we attended a Cinematograph Show which was followed by a concert at the local Y. M. C. A. Mr. C. W. von Roemer, County Secretary for Sussex, took some of us motoring to Pevensey Castle, Eastbourne, and Beachy Head.

JULY 1, SATURDAY

This morning the boys were driven out to Battle Abbey, and were shown over Lord Brassey's House "Normanhurst", after lunch returning to Barnes to the Camp."

This evening Commissioner Northcott of Calgary with Scoutmaster J. Ward and twenty-five scouts from Alberta arrived in camp. They had landed in England a week earlier and had been in camp near Birkenhead. They had arranged their own itinerary to a large extent prior to their departure from Canada, and while in England did their own cooking and prepared their own meals.

JULY 2, SUNDAY

Church Parade was held at the Roehampton Church the Rev. Canon Browne officiating. The Roman Catholics were taken by Mr Rowe to the Westminster Cathedral where the flags of his Troop (from Malta) were blessed by the Archbishop. His parade consisted of his own Troop and some seven or eight Canadians. Scoutmaster Rowe is a member of the Church of England but because all the Malta boys under his command were members of the Roman Catholic Church he took charge of their Parade each Sunday we were in camp. In the afternoon we had a large number of visitors in camp and the boys acted as hosts.

JULY 3, MONDAY

In the morning on the invitation of Captain Francis Grenfell we visited Chelsea Barracks and witnessed the guard-mounting drill by the Irish Guards. At 4 o'clock we left for Windsor, via Twickenham, and camped overnight in Windsor Great Park. With some twelve thousand scouts we occupied the camp just vacated by the Officers' Training Corps, numbering 18,000, which had been reviewed that day by the King. The scene was a stirring one as we marched through the gaily decorated streets of Windsor, past the Castle,

scouts from all parts of the British Isles before and following us, and meeting us on their way to the trains a continuous stream of the O. T. C. boys, a fine healthy looking, well set up lot. Our boys turned in early but what with the bugle calls and band playing of departing troops they could not have had much sleep. Most of our Scoutmasters were up all night having volunteered to help the Headquarters Staff in placing the late arrivals.

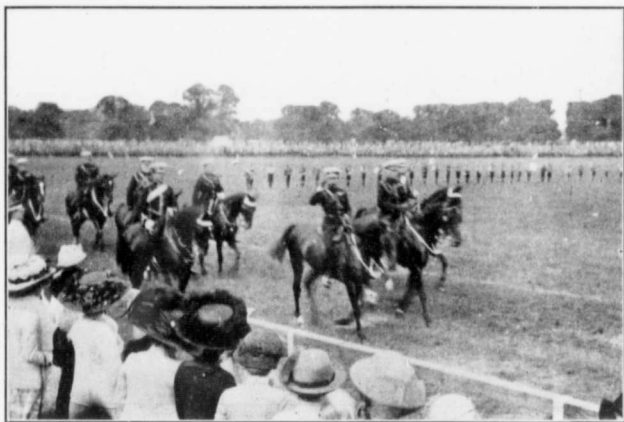
JULY 4, TUESDAY

This is the day of the GREAT RALLY, and we are up bright and early. We gaze in admiration at the animated scene. In addition to the thousands that have camped with us overnight we see in several directions moving streams of color converging towards our camp, boys, boy scouts, with their drums, bugles, banners and staves. And they continue to arrive in continuous streams till nearly noon. Up to the present we had spoken glibly of the coming gathering of 30,000 scouts, but now for the first time the magnitude of the undertaking of organizing and carrying out the Rally began to dawn upon us. Our "Overseas Contingent" now numbered 160 as we had been joined before leaving Roehampton by Scoutmaster Bramble and his Gibraltar Scouts 7 in number. We formed but an infinitesimal part of this great Camp, but every scout we met seemed interested in the lads who had come so far and was anxious to do a good turn for our boys.

The scoutmasters in camp the night before had been brought together and given instructions, and again this morning they were paraded and given final instructions. Before noon order began to appear out of chaos and by one o'clock we were in our place on the assembly ground, part of the 1st division of about 2500. Our Division was marched as a unit through the huge trees beyond Queen Anne's Gate to the open Parade ground and took up its position on the right front of the huge semicircle. Other Divisions are moving to their places and soon the formation is complete as far as we can judge. Cheering is heard in the distance and gradually comes nearer till our



The Chief Scout, in Windsor Great Park, before the Rally



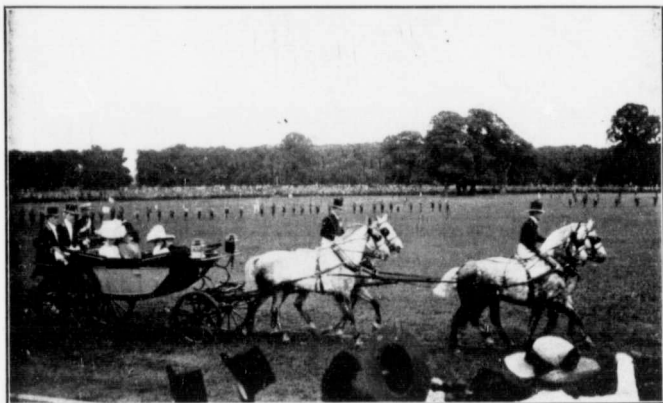
Sharp at 3 00 o'clock the King arrived.

own boys join in. It is the CHIEF SCOUT making a preliminary inspection to see if all is in readiness for His Majesty.

When in front of our Division he reined in his horse and asked me to bring up the two Red Deer Scouts who had been instrumental in tracking a murderer in Alberta. Scouts Chadsey and Galbraith were marched up to the Chief who dismounted and pinned a medal on each of them, and they were advanced to the line of Life-savers some hundred yards to our front. A few minutes later the Queen drove on to the ground.

Sharp at 3 o'clock THE KING arrived. The Royal Standard was hoisted and we gave the 'Royal Salute'. The King in undress uniform, with the Chief Scout riding beside him, and followed by a distinguished Staff, at once began his inspection. The Queen's carriage followed at a short interval and the younger members of the Royal Family seemed greatly interested in the Parade. It took over an hour to ride round the lines. Then was carried out the event of the day—The Rally. At a signal the leading Patrol Leaders rushed forward with the other scouts on their heels, shouting their patrol calls. For nearly two hundred yards we ran at top speed and at a given signal came to a sudden stop. After an interval of silence the bands struck up the Ingonyama Chorus followed by "Be prepared" in which the boys joined lustily. The Chief Scout called for three cheers for the King who shortly afterwards took his departure. As he was leaving there occurred an incident not laid down in the programme. Some enthusiastic patrols started a cheer for the King and the effect spread like wildfire over the vast field until the 30,000 scouts and thousands of spectators were together raising their voices in honor of His Majesty.

As soon as the King had departed we marched three miles to Eton and were received with a cordial address of welcome by Provost Warre in the schoolyard and were shown over the chapel and the old class rooms by Masters Blakiston and Whitworth, and the Bursar Mr Hollway. Then



The Queen's carriage followed at a short interval.

the boys sat down to tea in the ancient oak panelled Hall and divided their attention between the interesting old paintings on the walls and the good things set before them.

JULY 5, WEDNESDAY

We made an early start this morning but not before a little incident occurred which is worth recording. A troop of very small scouts with a small leader came marching in front of our tents before many of our boys were up. They lined up and sang a verse of "The Maple Leaf for Ever" then by word of command marched off before anyone had ascertained from what county or country they hailed. But wherever they live we are glad to record our appreciation of the pretty compliment.

When ready to leave camp the Belfast Scouts offered to escort us and headed by their pipers we marched out via Queen Anne's Gate and took busses for Windsor Castle.

Under the guidance of the Dean, Canon Clement-Smith, we visited St. George's Chapel and the boys climbed the stone steps to the Tower, then we had to make a hasty departure to catch the 10 o'clock train en route to our camp at Roehampton.

Our "At Home" in camp this afternoon was a success if we are to judge by the large number of friends of the scoutmasters and boys who accepted our invitation. The weather was ideal and the programme of Sports which we carried out during the afternoon proved of great interest and amusement to our visitors.

At 8 o'clock we were honored by a visit from a Company of the British Nursing Girls Training Corps whose headquarters are at Wimbledon. At 9 the boys were sent to their tents to rest as the Torchlight Tattoo in Captain Grenfell's grounds was to take place at midnight. They were called before eleven and after supper in the marquee, the guests of Capt Grenfell the boys were hidden with their unlighted torches behind trees and shrubs



Fire Lighting at the Rally.

until the bugle called them to action. Captain and Mrs Grenfell were giving a Ball, the old cedars with their spreading lower branches sweeping the ground were decorated with chinese lanterns, the garden paths were outlined with colored electric lights, while the guests wandered back and forth from the ballroom, the whole a scene of beauty and enchantment. At midnight the bugle sounded, dots of flame appeared through the trees and shrubbery, the music ceased in the ballroom and suddenly the drums and fifes of the Coldstream Guards struck up a lively march. The lines of torches moved in circles around the trees and emerging into the open crossed and recrossed one another in dazzling bewilderment, until they converged and became one solid moving circle, the light revealing the forms of the scouts who carried the torches.

JULY 6, THURSDAY

At a Garden Party given by Captain and Mrs. Grenfell this afternoon the Scouts were honored by being inspected by H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught. The Scoutmasters were presented to the Duke and also to the Duchess, and then the Duke, with two other Field-Marschals, Lord Roberts and Lord Grenfell, and the Chief Scout, made a through inspection speaking in turn to the boys of each Province represented. The two lads from Alberta who had been awarded medals at the Rally were called before the Duke who presented them with certificates.

JULY 7, FRIDAY

In the afternoon as the guests of Lt. Col. Burland, Commissioner for Quebec, we went to the Hippodrome and afterwards to dinner at the Holborn Restaurant. At the Hippodrome the boys had orchestra stalls and the scoutmasters with the Chief Scout the Royal box. One of the singers, Miss Ella Russell, presented each of the boys with a box of chocolates. They were afterwards taken behind the stage and shown an exhibition of



Start of the 100 yards race—Sports day.

fire drill and scene shifting. At the Dinner I acted as Chairman in the absence of our host who had been obliged to return to Canada immediately after the Coronation. We did not forget to drink his health however, and I took the opportunity at this dinner to pay a tribute to Captain Wade who was always with us and whose services we found invaluable. We broke up in time to allow the boys to go to the different places of amusement and they divided up as follows:

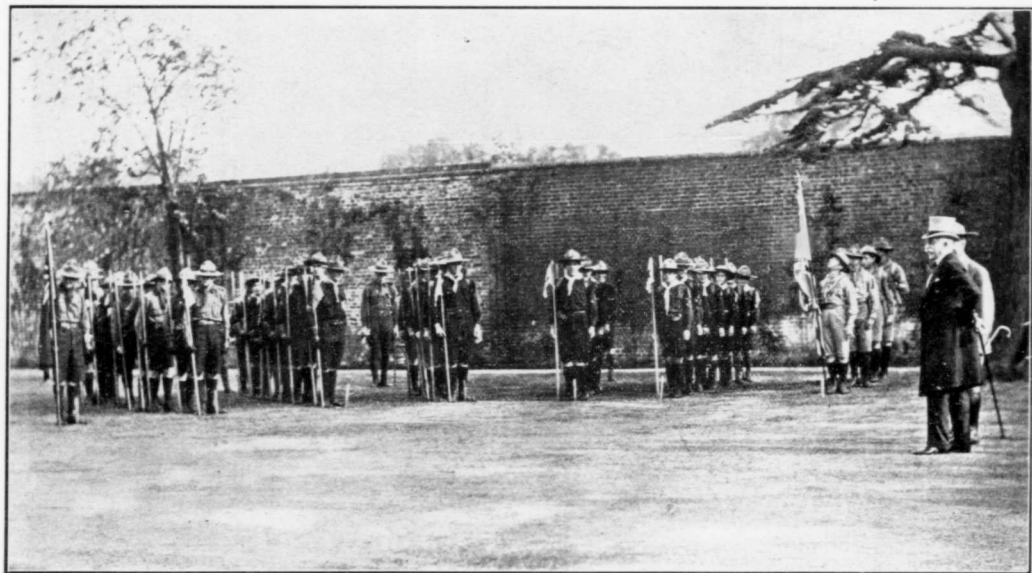
40 to His Majesty's to see "The Merry Wives of Windsor," the guests of Sir Beerbohm Tree.

40 with Mr Evans to Maskelyene & Devant, Conjurers.
10 to the Empire and 10 to the Pavilion.

The others were free to go with friends or back to camp. The Scout-masters went at once to The White City where the Chief Scout gave a dinner in our honor at the Garden Club and amongst others present were Colonel Gibson, Lieut-Governor of Ontario, Lt-General Sir Edmond Ellis, Col. Brownrigg of the Headquarters Staff and Major Pedley of Gibraltar. Captain R. S. Wilson, Commissioner for Ontario, who had joined us the day before the Rally, was with us. On this occasion Commissioner Hammond was the recipient at the hands of the Chief Scout of the badge of the "Honorary Silver Wolf," conferred in recognition of his services in connection with the development of the Boy Scouts Movement in Ontario.

JULY 8. SATURDAY

We left camp at 8 o'clock and went by train to Brighton where we were met by Commissioner, G. Davidson-Brown, also by Ass't Commissioner Mr R. S. Broderick who had much to do with our cordial reception. We were taken by train to the Dyke and we climbed the high hill in the glare of the midday sun, and it was the hottest day we experienced during our trip. From the top we obtained a magnificent view of the surrounding country with a glimpse of the sea in the distance. On our return to Brighton we



Inspection by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught on the grounds of Roehampton House

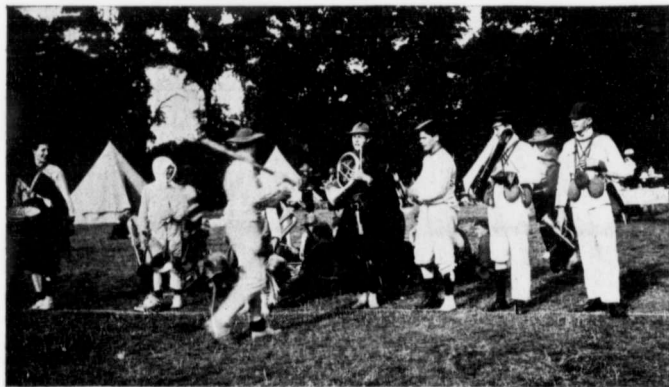
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were met by a contingent of the local Scouts and headed by the band of the 4th Dragoon Guards we marched through the crowded streets to the Palace Pier where we were entertained at lunch. At 2.30 we were received by the Acting Mayor in his robes of office at the Royal Pavilion and shown over the Museum and Art Gallery. Then we visited the Aquarium and while the boys were watching the feeding of the fishes some of the Committee at our suggestion obtained a supply of bathing suits and in a few minutes we were all enjoying a swim in the ocean, a most happy relief after all our travelling and marching. We left the water reluctantly, but the Mayor of Hove was awaiting us, and we were taken in taxicabs along the miles of beautiful ocean front to the boundary line. The mayor and mayoress in their carriage headed our procession and we were taken to the armoury of the Naval Volunteers and were entertained at tea. Afterwards our boys were allowed to work the naval guns which greatly interested them and were taken out in boats by the sailors of the Naval Reserve. We had a long march back to the station accompanied by over 200 of the Brighton and Hove Scouts. We were given a rousing send off and we left greatly pleased with the reception given us by the two municipalities.

JULY 9, SUNDAY

The boys were very tired and were kept in camp to rest, and the camp was not opened to visitors till late in the afternoon. In the evening an impressive Service was conducted in the marquee by the Rev. Dr. Salton Scoutmaster of the Saskatchewan scouts (pastor of the Methodist Church at Moose Jaw) and the singing was joined in heartily and reverently by the boys and about 150 visitors who were present.

Amongst the Canadian visitors who found their way to the camp while we were at Roehampton were the Hon. G. W. Brown, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, and from the same Province, Senator J. H. Ross, Mr. J. H. Hern, Mr. A. Hitchcock and Mr. G. E. McCraney, M.P.



An impromptu band.



CAPTAIN ARTHUR M. GRENFELL

JULY 10, MONDAY

In the morning the boys went in a body to see Westminster Abbey, then to the Zoo. Mr. Rowe took 30 boys to the Kensington Museum, Art Galleries, and to see the Guard mounting at Whitehall, the others were free, all to meet at the Crystal Palace at 6 o'clock.

From the Crystal Palace we went to the adjoining Dominions Club and were the guests at an open air tea of the Marchioness of Donegall, Mr. and Mrs. Ridout and Mrs. Twining, and were afterwards their guests at the Festival of Empire and witnessed the Pageants in which Lady Donegall and Mr and Miss Ridout took part. Forty boys who had already seen the Pageants were taken by Mr. Rowe to see "Henry VIII" the guests of Sir Beerbohm Tree.

JULY 11, TUESDAY

The boys were given a free day to see friends and buy presents, and instructed to meet at the Garden Club, White City, at 6 o'clock, for the Farewell Dinner we were giving to the Headquarters Staff and others who had been entertaining us.

The Dinner passed off most satisfactorily. It was our last evening in London, the Malta contingent was with us and all the Canadian scouts were together for the last time. The brilliantly lighted Hall of the Garden Club, the well served dinner, the music and illuminations of the White City, the good feeling expressed by those who spoke, all contributed to make the evening a memorable one. After 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'God save the King' we bade good-bye to the Alberta boys who were leaving at once for the North en route for home and the others returned to spend their last night at Roehampton.

JULY 12, WEDNESDAY

The boys were driven in vans from camp direct to Paddington and took the 4.15 boat special for Avonmouth and embarked for home on the SS. Royal George of the Canadian Northern Line. The Saskatchewan contingent however remained in camp another night and left Paddington the next morning for Stratford-on-Avon en route for Liverpool and they left for home with the Alberta contingent on the Friday by the C. P. R. Steamer.

The Quebec contingent—with the exception of two boys—remained over two weeks, and these with two Ontario scouts, under Scoutmaster Evans, made Birkenhead their headquarters and visited places in Wales, Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man. After seeing the Ontario contingent off at Avonmouth I returned to London and was at Paddington the next morning to say good-bye to Dr. Salton and his boys from Saskatchewan. Mr. Hammond remained over with scout Hughes of Toronto who was too ill to leave, but the boy recovered during the two weeks and was able to return with us on the 26th. With us on the Royal Edward were Mr. Evans and the boys who had been under his charge and Scoutmasters Allen and Young who had remained over, and we arrived in Montreal August the second.

With the exception of Patrol leader Hughes we had no case of illness of a serious nature, we had no accident worth mentioning, and all the boys have returned safely to their homes.

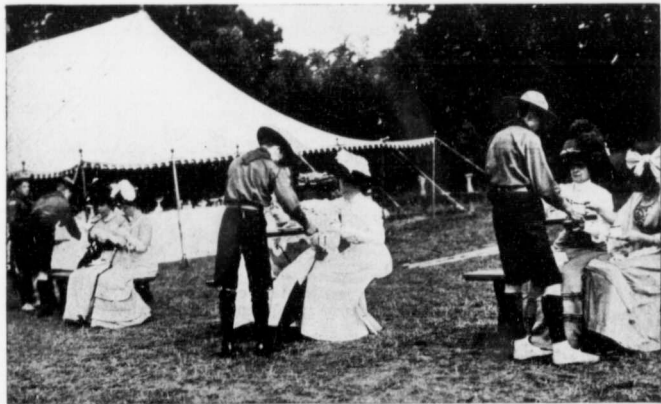
Before closing this report I wish to mention the services rendered to our Contingent by Scoutmaster H. Rowe of Malta, to whom I have already referred. A fine athlete himself he was the leader in all our sports, he ministered to those who had incipient colds and each day dressed the wounds of any boys with cuts or bruises. He was a true scout in that he was resourceful and always ready to help others.

To the Chief Scout and his Headquarters Staff I would respectfully request you, our Chief representative in Canada, to convey our deep sense of obligation for all their kindnesses, and assure them of our lasting appreciation of the great privileges accorded us in this the first visit of Canadian Boy Scouts to the Mother Country.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

J. Minder Cole

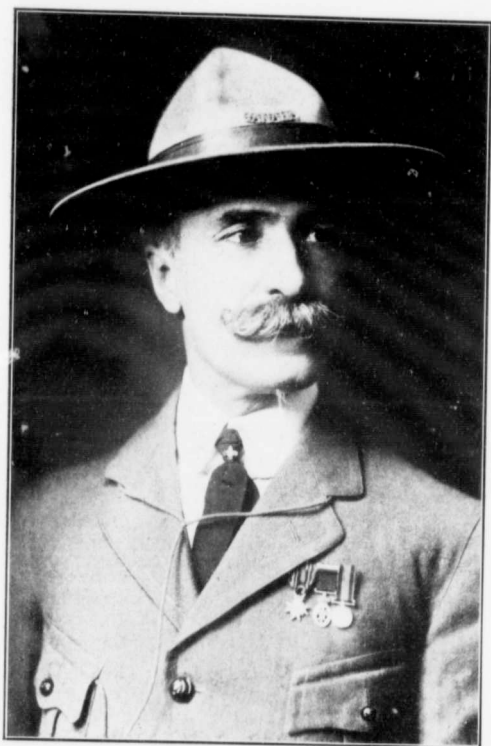


The Scouts looked after their guest at the "At Home."

Itinerary of the Province of Quebec Contingent
Under Scoutmaster Evans
July 12th to 26th

During this time they were entertained by the Local Scouts at every
place they visited.

- July 12 After witnessing the departure of the SS. Royal George from Avonmouth returned to Bristol and remained overnight.
- " 13 Entertained by Sir Mathew Dodsworth, visited Fry's Chocolate works, taken in a four-in-hand coach to Clifton College, the Zoo, the Downs, and Suspension Bridge. Left at 2.30 for Birkenhead and were quartered at various homes with friends of Mr. Evans.
- " 14 Left at noon for the Isle of Man. Spent three nights in Cunningham's Y. M. C. A. Camp at Douglas.
- " 15 All day in and around Douglas.
- " 16 *Sunday.* Morning rested in camp, afternoon went by train through the Glens and Lixey to the top of Snaefell.
- " 17 Took boat at 9 A. M. for Liverpool, evening left for Holyhead.
- " 18 At 2.30 A. M. took boat for Dublin, arriving at 7 o'clock. Taken to homes of scouts for breakfast. Visited the Castle, Phoenix Park and Wellington Monument. Lunch at Guinness's brewery. Visited Powers' distillery, Sackville Street, and Baths. Entertained at tea by the wife of a local scoutmaster and taken to theatre. Left by 9.20 train for Holyhead.
- " 19 Arrived 1 A. M. and taken to homes of local scouts for sleep. Some ladies arranged a picnic to the South Stack Lighthouse. At noon left for Menai Straits and Suspension Bridge, and on by train to Carnarvon, Wales. Visited the Castle and left at 5.20 for the fashionable watering place, Llandudno. In the evening were entertained in the Pavilion and saw moving pictures of the Investiture ceremonies.
- " 20 All were provided with bicycles and rode to Conway Castle. Returning, ascended mountain railway to summit of Great Orme. Left at 3 o'clock for Birkenhead.
- " 21 Visited the Liverpool Museum, Art Gallery, St. George's Hall, and the markets. Afternoon went over the soap works at Port Sunlight. Evening given boxes at the Olympia theatre.
- " 22 Morning went to Chester and were taken over the old Roman walls, visited the Cathedral and climbed to the belfry and roof. Left at 6 for Scotland arriving at Glasgow at 10.30 and put up at the Caledonian Railway Hotel.
- " 23 Slept till 11.30. Afternoon shown the Art Gallery and Museum and entertained at tea. Evening to service in the old Cathedral. Slept at the Scout Headquarters of the 1st Glasgow Troop, the finest Scout Headquarters in Great Britain.
- " 24 Left at 9.30 for Callander and went by coach, boat and rail through the Trossachs. Returned to Glasgow at 7.30 and in the evening visited the Exhibition.
- " 25 Took 9 o'clock train for Edinburgh, visited the Castle and other points of interest, leaving at 2.30 for Birkenhead.
- " 26 *Wednesday.* Left at 10.35 for Bristol and caught 4.30 special for Avonmouth. Joined the others from London and sailed on the SS. Royal Edward for home.



Notman & Son

LT.-COL. F. MINDEN COLE,
WHO COMMANDED THE CONTINGENT
IN ENGLAND.



Scoutmasters and Scouts, Province of Quebec.

FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT TO LT-COL. COLE.

32 Princess Gate, S.W.

11th July, 1911.

DEAR COLONEL,

I am so very sorry that I am not able to dine with you to-night as you so kindly proposed, but I have to go to Wales this evening for the Prince of Wales' investiture preparations. The Welsh Scouts are to welcome him as the Chief Scout for Wales on that occasion, and I hope to be able to arrange for the Alberta Scouts to be present at this interesting ceremony.

Had it not been for this I should very gladly have come to your gathering for I wanted an opportunity to tell the Canadian Scouts how very pleased I am, and I am sure all their brother Scouts are too, to see them in the Old Country on the auspicious occasion of our King's Coronation, and, especially, at his public recognition of our Common Brotherhood at the Rally.

The fact that Canada could send so large a Contingent, and such a smart and efficient one, speaks to the patriotism of the Dominion and shows how well the Scout Movement has been handled and developed since my visit to Canada last fall. I am delighted to see it.

The Canadian Scouts have, during their short stay in England, endeared themselves and made a name for themselves through their smartness, courtesy, and good behaviour which has promoted a further good feeling for Canada wherever they have been. I only hope that they have one and all enjoyed their time over here and will carry away with them pleasing recollections of the Motherland, and of the comradeship which their brother-scouts in Great Britain feel towards them.

I am only so sorry that my own duties in different parts of the country, have been so heavy during the past few weeks as to prevent me personally from seeing more of them and from doing half what I should have liked to do to make their stay a more pleasant one.

I look forward with the greatest pleasure to seeing them soon again, when I revisit Canada.

With best of good wishes to yourself and to each one of your Scoutmasters and Scouts,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Baden-Powell.

P. S. I am sending some signed photos for the acceptance of any who care to have them on condition that if they ever give up the practice of Scouting they will destroy the photo.

I hope that most of them will go on and eventually become Scoutmasters for the further spread of our movement, and that in any case they will all continue to practice the patriotism, the discipline, and the helpfulness to others which they have learnt as Scouts.

LT-COL COLE'S REPLY TO THE CHIEF SCOUT

Paris, 19th July, 1911.

DEAR SIR ROBERT,

I regretted very much that your duties in Wales made it impossible for you to be with us at the Garden Club, in the White City. I took the occasion to read to those present your letter of farewell and if I could convey to you by any words of mine an idea of the enthusiasm displayed and the pleasure and gratitude evoked when your health was proposed, and when your message was read, you would feel in some measure recompensed for all the trouble you personally have gone to in the Mother Country.

I need hardly tell you how greatly we appreciate the gift of your photo and autograph to each one of us. Your farewell message to the boys to continue to practice the patriotism, the discipline, and the helpfulness to others which they have learnt as scouts, coming as your parting wish, has left an impression that will bear fruit in the various oversea dominions to which they are returning.

I am authorized to speak not only for the Canadian scouts but for those from Malta and Gibraltar, and not the least of the pleasures of our visit was the opportunity of joining with the scouts from other parts of the Empire. Our weeks together in the Roehampton Camp gave the boys chances of forming friendships which may go a long way towards settling the difficult questions of Imperial unity which the coming generation will be called upon to deal with.

We return home feeling that we have but inadequately expressed our appreciation of the hospitalities showered upon us. To His Excellency the Earl Grey, and to our brother scouts when we return home we shall endeavor to convey our sense of gratitude that we as their representatives have been privileged to participate in events of historic import, not the least of which was the great review at Windsor Park, in which we from overseas joined with our brother scouts of the British Isles in doing honor to our newly crowned Sovereign.

Believe me, yours most sincerely,

F. MINDEN COLE.



Scoutmaster H. Rowe and his boys from Malta.

FROM COLONEL DE BURGH TO LT-COL. COLE

10th July, 1911.

DEAR COLONEL COLE,

I find myself to my great regret, quite unable to avail myself of the kind invitation given me by your officers to dine with you to morrow evening. I am engaged to the Royal Military College.

Had I known of your proposal I should have kept the day clear, for I need hardly say that I should value the opportunity of seeing you all once more, if it be only to say good-bye.

I shall not forget the pleasant days we have had together, and I only hope that the recollection of their stay in the Old Country may always form a pleasant reminiscence, in the minds of those fine fellows, your Scouts.

Believe me,

Ever sincerely yours and theirs,

ULICK DE BURGH.

LT-COLONEL COLE'S REPLY

Paris, 20th July, 1911

MY DEAR COLONEL,

We regret very much that you could not be with us at our gathering last week at the White City. While we all missed you, the boys especially evinced their disappointment, and they one and all hope they may have an opportunity of seeing you in Canada before long.

I read your letter to them and am having it printed in order that each Scout may retain a copy amongst his souvenirs.

I have had several opportunities of learning the boys' opinions of those who like yourself have been our hosts and advisers for the past month, and while they have a high regard and respect for all in authority who have been contributing to their comfort or entertainment, they loved to have you with them. You won their hearts on the day of Coronation, and they would have done anything for you.

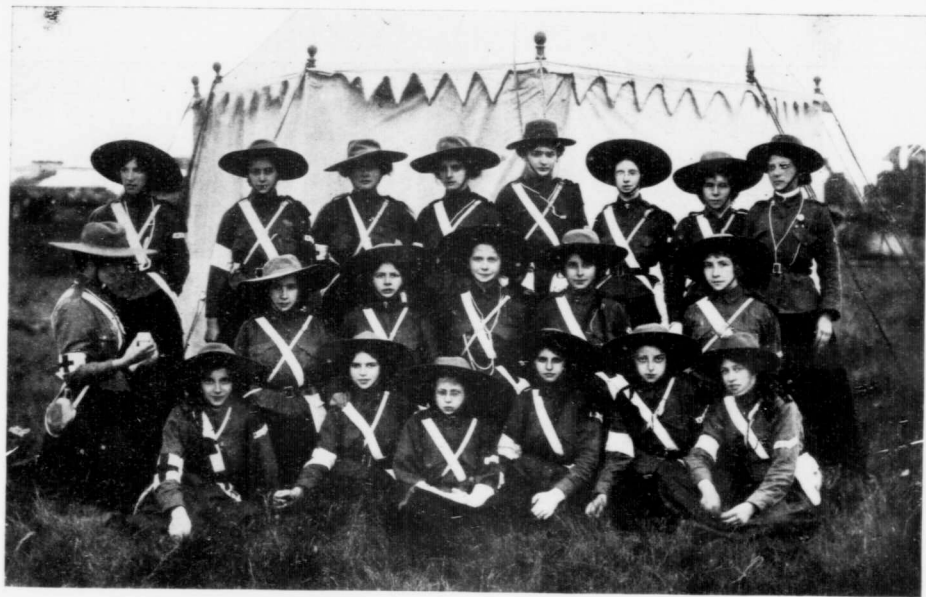
I was present in front of the Marquee at Windsor Park on the evening of the 4th, when you made a short address. Personally, I want to thank you for your inspiring words. The way in which all joined with you in the short service and in singing the National Anthem, showed that you had touched a responsive chord in the hearts of those present.

Let me assure you of a rousing reception when you come to Canada.

Yours sincerely,

F. MINDEN COLE.

Colonel Ulick de Burgh, C.B.,
Headquarters B.P. Boy Scouts,
116 Victoria Street, S.W.,
London.



The Wimbledon Company of the British Nursing Girls Training Corps.



The Overseas Contingent at Rochampton Camp.

FROM CAPTAIN ARTHUR GRENFELL

7 July, 1911.

Roehampton House,
Roehampton Lane,
S. W.

DEAR COL. COLE,

I am sorry to say I have to run away this morning and that your camp will have broken up before I return—so that I shall not have an opportunity of saying "good bye" to you, the Scoutmasters, and scouts. Will you kindly express our regret to the boys and assure them of the great pleasure it has given us in having them in our grounds—The behaviour of the boys could not possibly have been better and they have certainly set a high standard for smartness and discipline and good bearing—The torchlight tattoo was splendidly carried out. Again I have to assure you that we have been proud to have such fine young Britons amongst us and if, as is possible, the future of the Empire is in the hands of the overseas dominions it only remains for the young generation in the Dominion to be determined to play the game for the side and all will be well with the Empire—I have never felt more encouraged for the future than I have been by watching the manly way in which the Boy Scouts have behaved during their visit here.

We wish them God Speed and an early return and we trust that when they get home they may sometimes remember the friends they have left behind them in the Old Country.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR M. GRENFELL.

LT-COL. COLE'S REPLY

London, July, 15 1911

DEAR CAPTAIN GRENFELL,

On behalf of my brother Scoutmasters and for every Boy Scout in the overseas Contingent as well as for myself I wish to express our deep appreciation of the kind words contained in your letter of farewell. After reading the letter to the boys on parade I had it printed and each boy has gone home with a copy in his kit bag. The hospitality extended to us by you and Mrs Grenfell, your daily solicitation for our welfare and comfort, the trouble you took with your friends which resulted in the boys receiving many invitations to amusements and places of historic interest, and added to all these acts the kind and considerate words of your farewell letter, have endeared you to everyone of our youthful but representative band, and I feel that they will grow up better men, better citizens—and more loyal subjects of the King if that were possible—for having met you.

The Boy Scouts have one means of expressing their appreciation of a great service by the giving of a small token—known as a Thanks Badge—and on the day we broke camp I was asked by the Scoutmasters and Boys to send one to you and one to Mrs Grenfell with their united and heartiest good wishes. On their behalf I ask you to accept these little badges as a sincere expression of deep obligation and of pleasant memories which will ever be associated in their minds with your name.

Believe me, Yours sincerely,

F. MINDEN COLE.



Rev. Dr. Salton and the Saskatchewan Boy Scouts.

FROM THE REV. DR SALTON, IN CHARGE OF THE SASKATCHEWAN SCOUTS

R. M. S. Empress of Ireland,
July 19th 1911

LIEUT-COLONEL COLE

DEAR SIR,

We, the undersigned, wish you to accept from us a gold Swastika "Thanks" badge in recognition of the thoughtful manner in which you have directed the affairs of the Saskatchewan Contingent during our visit to England. Your quiet, efficient, and gentlemanly manner has been the admiration of us all and we assure you we shall all be the more manly and efficient because of your Christian conduct and care.

(Signed) GEO. F. SALTON, Moose Jaw.
CHARLES BAYNE, Moose Jaw
FRANK C. IRWIN, Moose Jaw, Sask.
WALTER CLINK, Battleford, Sask.
NORMAN M. STOREY, Regina, Sask.
on behalf of the Saskatchewan Scouts.



Scout Wilfred J. Preston, of Toronto.

Farewell Dinner at the White City.

From the Montreal Witness of September 2nd 1911:

One of the most enthusiastic and successful gatherings in connection with the visit to England was the farewell dinner given at the Garden Club in the White City on the evening of July 11th, by the Canadian and Maltese Scouts, to the Headquarters' Staff of the B. P. Scouts and others who had been entertaining them during their stay in England. Unfortunately the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, was unable to be present, being in Wales for the investiture of the Prince of Wales. Letters, however, were read from him, and from Colonel de Burgh, and these are given below as showing the good feeling which prevailed throughout the trip and the favorable impression made by the Canadian Scouts on those they met in the Motherland. Lieut.-Col. F. Minden Cole was chairman of the dinner, which was served in the large hall of the Garden Club. Through the windows could be seen the electrical illuminations of the White City, in the grounds of which the Club is situated. The evening was a very hot one, but a slight breeze came through the open windows, bringing the strains of the Guards' Band which was playing not far away.

The toast of 'The King' was followed by one proposing the health of Capt. Wade, of the Headquarters' Staff. The chairman, in speaking of Capt. Wade's connection with the Overseas Contingent, referred to the conscientious manner in which the captain had carried out the wishes of his chief. Capt. Wade had remained in camp at Roehampton during the whole time the boys were there, had accompanied them wherever they went and his advice and assistance had been invaluable. Capt. Wade was then presented with a gold 'Thanks' badge, which Col. Cole said was 'a small gift representing a great service'. It was the gift, not only of the Canadian Scouts, but also of those from Gibraltar and Malta. The enthusiasm shown by the boys in their cheering was ample proof of the manner in which Capt. Wade had won their hearts.

Capt. Wilson, Commissioner for Ontario, then proposed the toast of the evening, namely, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and the Headquarters' Staff, which included Lt.-Gen. Sir Herbert Plumer, Col. de Burgh, C. B., and Col. Brownrigg. In the absence of the Chief Scout, Mr. Kyle, the secretary at headquarters responded to the toast.

Next in order was the presentation of a Swastika Badge to Scoutmaster D. J. Evans, of Montreal. Commissioner Hammond, in proposing his health, referred to the able manner in which Mr. Evans, who had preceded the contingent to England, had carried out all the arrangements for transportation. He had gone over on behalf of Ontario and Quebec, but all the Overseas had benefited by his work. Mr. Evans was further taken by surprise by the spontaneous gift from the boys of a travelling set of brushes and silver toilet articles.

Scoutmaster Rowe, of Malta, then proposed the toast of Capt. Arthur and Mrs. Grenfell, referring to the hospitality extended by them to the Scouts during the time the boys were camped on their grounds at Roehampton House. He spoke in feeling terms of the impression made by Capt. Grenfell's letter of farewell.

Scoutmaster Allen, of Montreal, in giving the toast of other guests, referred to the presence of Mr. Wright of the Entertainment Committee. Mr. Wright, in replying, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to help make the stay of the Coronation visitors happy and agreeable. The next guest to reply was Doctor A. Milne Robertson, of Roehampton, who had looked after the ills of the boys while in camp. Mr. Allen, in speaking of the voluntary services of Dr. Robertson, referred also to the Doctor's hospitality in entertaining a number of the boys at his house.

Capt. Horace Porter, Mayor of Holborn, replied to the toast of the City of London and Boroughs, and referred to Colonel Cole as an old friend whom he had first met at Shoeburyness in 1896, who had now come from Canada a second time in a representative capacity. The Rev. Dr. Salton, in charge of the Saskatchewan Scouts, then asked the chairman to accept a 'Thanks Badge' from his contingent, as an expression of their appreciation of the manner in which he had looked after the comfort and welfare of the boys.

Scoutmaster Nigel Young, on behalf of the Canadians, proposed the toast of the other Overseas Scouts, and his reference to the pleasure it had been to the boys from Canada to meet and camp with those from the Mediterranean, were received with great enthusiasm. Major Pedley replied on behalf of Gibraltar and Scoutmaster Rowe for his boys from Malta.

Representatives of the Richmond B.-P. Scouts were present. Also Mr. Stillman and others from Roehampton.

Chief Scoutmaster Kyle proposed the health of the chairman in felicitous terms, and regretted the absence of the Chief Scout who, he said, would have expressed better than he could hope to do the pleasure it had been to the Headquarters Staff to receive and do what they could for the Scout representatives from Oversea Dominions.

A most enjoyable evening came to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, yet a feeling of regret was over many of those present, for the Alberta boys, with Scoutmaster Northcott were leaving that night for the North, and the Roehampton Camp was to break up the next day, the Ontario and Quebec Contingents leaving for Bristol, and the Saskatchewan Scouts for Liverpool, en route for home.

A PET ON THE "ROYAL GEORGE"



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