

Provincial Boy Scouts Great-West Life Council Has Good Year

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The following report was submitted by Mr. J. J. Morris, Provincial Commissioner:

The number of Scouts on Prince Edward Island has been reduced to 416 in all classes. There are 26 groups at present functioning. One new group has been formed and is very active. 149 Badges were earned and 149 certificates issued. We are of the opinion that more tests were passed but that applications for certificates were overlooked. We must not be disappointed in this year's showing, if you compare the year 1930 as at October 31st, the total number of Scouts including Leaders numbered 154. Due to disturbed conditions of our World and the enlistment of our Leaders for Active Service we must realize that such decreases are bound to happen and no Troops can function properly unless it has a leader. An appeal was made to the people of this Province for leaders last fall but very little response was received. Those of our leaders now active have been well tried and are full of Scouting. To those leaders we extend our best wishes for the future.

New group formed at Abram's Village. Of the new groups formed last year, the one at Hunter River is inactive.

Camp Buchanan. From July 23rd to August 2nd the Maritime Scout Gilwell course was held with 16 Scouters present. There were 6 scouts from Prince Edward Island taking the course and 4 certificates were issued. The others were too young. This course was in charge of Mr. W. A. Speed, Camp Chief; Mr. Ken Margeson, Mr. Bob Cutler and Mr. Ell Boyaner.

From August 3 to 10 the Maritime Akela Gilwell course was held with 13 Akelas present. 7 of these were from Prince Edward Island and 6 of them were given certificates. The other was too young. Those in charge were Mr. W. A. Speed, Akela; Mrs. Roy Phillips, Rev. Roy Phillips, Miss Mildred Gardner, Mrs. W. A. Speed, Vice King-quartermaster.

From August 17 to 27th Scout Camp was held with 14 Scouts present. Rev. S. J. Davies took over this camp after Captain Ings was called up for military service. There was no Cub Camp this year owing to the inability of Cub leaders to attend.

Camp Fernwood. Cub Camp was held from June 29th to July 3rd with 24 boys present. No Cub leaders from Prince Edward Island.

Scout Camp July 3rd to July 12th with 43 boys from Tignish, Alberton and Summerside with five leaders from these parts.

District Field Day. A most successful District Field Day of Cub and Scout events was held in Queen's District on June 9th. This was a new venture for our Province, and, while attendance of boys was not large, it was felt that it is known the attendance will improve in later years.

Training Prince District. Patrol Leaders' Course at O'Leary on January 27, 1940. Arranged by Rev. S. J. Davies conducted by E. I. H. Ings. Twenty boys in attendance from Tignish, Elmsdale, Alberton and O'Leary. 14 certificates presented.

Patrol leaders' course in Summerside on February 9 and 10th. Arranged by R. L. Mollison conducted by E. I. H. Ings. Nineteen boys present from Abram's Village, Miscouche. Not entirely satisfactory owing to difference in age and experience of boys attending.

Patrol Leaders' course at Charlottetown on March 20, 1940. Arranged by V. A. Almsworth conducted by E. I. H. Ings. 25 started course only 16 attended sufficient periods to take examination. Considered satisfactory.

A Patrol Leaders' "Week-end" Camp was held near Alberton for the patrol leaders who had attended the one held at O'Leary in March. Arranged by Rev. S. J. Davies. Very successful.

Visit of Governor General. Arrived in Charlottetown Friday evening, August 30. Scouts and Cubs from Charlottetown and Rustico formed a posse at the station on Saturday, August 31st.

Visit of W. L. Currier. Assistant Commissioner for Training at Ottawa spent three days in Charlottetown Oct 21st to 24th. Meeting in City Hall for all Scouters, Committeemen, etc. Out of Town Scouters present. Made a visit to Hunter River along with Harry Pineau. We find Mr. Currier to be a very good friend of ours and give us every assistance to further scouting in this Province.

Last August Executive Secretary, Eric Ings, was called up for Active Service. Captain Ings made a host of friends during his stay with us. His position was filled by the Rev. J. S. Davies of Alberton, who is active in Prince County along with Mr. Harry Pineau, who is active in the two eastern counties.

THREE SONS' NUPTIALS. SURAT, India. (CP) - Weddings of three sons of Sadar Taher Sahib, High Priest of Daudi Bohras, took place in the same week recently.

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1940 was a good year for the Great-West Life. Preliminary figures from the 49th Annual Statement show a most satisfactory year's operations. New Business placed amounted to \$53,401,865, while Business in Force increased to a total of over \$940,000,000. Assets also increased to a new high of \$173,512,329. Against this, liabilities, practically all in the form of policyholders reserves, total \$166,625,422. The balance, representing surplus, contingency reserve and capital, amounting to \$6,886,907, provides an added safeguard to policyholders.

During the year \$17,240,139 was paid to policyholders and their beneficiaries - an average of nearly \$60,000 every working day of the year. Since commencing business in 1892 the Company has paid a total of over \$237,000,000 to policyholders and their dependents.

Apple Day

This annual Scout event was held this year on November 2nd. 21 groups of P. E. Island Scouts sold 62 barrels of apples and due to excellent management the returns were very favourable. Last year 70 barrels were sold.

Scout Activities

During the year the scouts acted as runners during the Dominion Election between the polling booths and the telephone main office, this enabled the people to procure the earliest possible reports of the Election.

The Scouts in Charlottetown assisted in distributing Christmas Seal Posters for the Tuberculosis League. The Scouts also made 8 trench mortars camouflaged for the purpose of collection tinoli. A considerable quantity of this tinoli has been gathered.

A great number of Scouts took part in the Memorial services on January 19th at the different churches in memory of Lord Baden-Powell.

This report does not cover every Scout undertaking but I have listed the most important of them.

May I be allowed to express the thanks of the Organization for the fine assistance we have received from the press and radio, also to the Tourist Association for their office, the management of the Charlottetown Hotel and City Council, also Mr. Alfred Pickard for allowing us part of his office during the time we were arranging for Apple Day and all persons who assisted us in making this movement outstanding.

Scout Movement

In closing I wish to quote from a Gentleman of this Province who spoke as follows regarding the Scout Movement. "In paying tribute to the Boy Scout Movement, I venture to recommend it as one of the most psychologically sound, if not the most psychologically sound system of education of our modern world. This is not a mere opinion of mine gleaned from hearsay, but a firm conviction based on a very careful analytical examination at least as careful as I could make of the educational principles of the Boy Scout Movement. Its adaptability to adolescent nature, its correct teaching method, its agencies for vocational guidance, its demand for a real knowledge of the real boy as a primary qualification of its teachers, its innumerable agencies for the development of adolescent initiative and personal responsibility, its many other distinctive and sterling attributes, and its 32 years of outstanding success, where its principles and methods have been wisely employed, recommend it as a modern masterpiece to the greater development of human resources, and a worthy model, indeed, for many or for all of our schools and colleges. In support of my conviction and of my daringly superlative and perhaps over-enthusiastic eulogy on the Boy Scout Movement, may I quote just one of the great admirers of Scouting psychology, the distinguished Dean James E. Russell, Professor of Education of Teachers' College, Columbia University: I quote: "As a teacher, I take my hat off to Lord Baden-Powell, the genius who in a bare decade has done more to vitalize the methods of character training than all the school-men in this country have done since the pilgrims landed on the New England coast." End of quotation.

Scouting, I contend, has many most valuable suggestions with regard to curricula and pedagogical methods, all calculated to the fuller development of human resources to offer not only to the "Little red School house," but to the colossal grey-stone University, and to all other institutions consecrated to the forming of men and women of character.

ANNUAL MEETING SOUTHERN DISTRICT L.O.L.

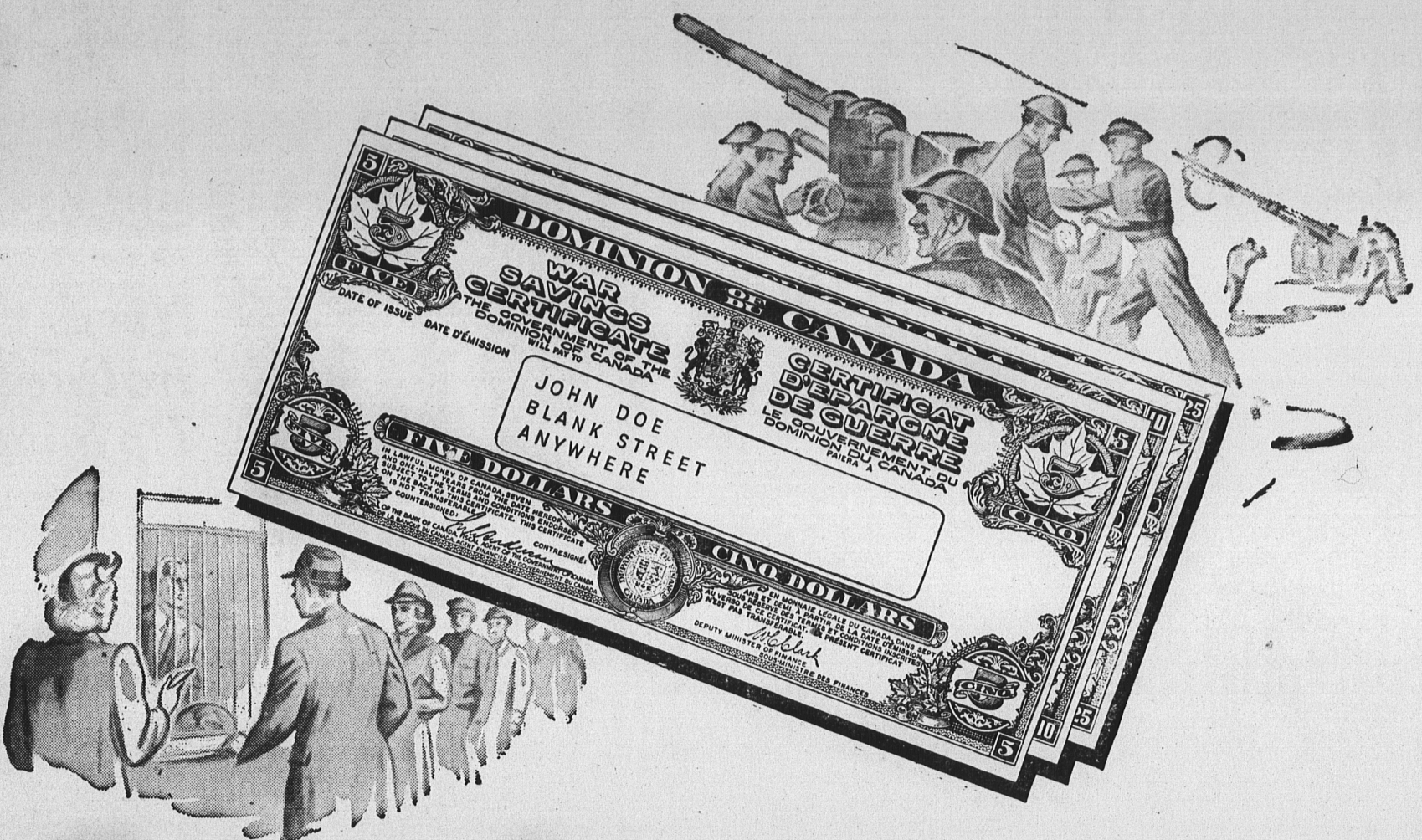
The annual meeting of Southern District L. O. L. was held at Murray Harbor on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst. Owing to the cold and stormy evening the attendance was not as large as in former years. All reports were very encouraging. It was decided to hold a semi-annual meeting during the month of July. The visitors were well provided for by the members of Luther L. O. L. Bountiful meals were served.

The following officers were duly elected and installed: Dist-Master - Horace White Murray Harbor. D. D. M. - James MacLeod, Murray Harbor. D. Chap. - N. C. Stewart, Hign Bank. D. Rec.-Secy. - M. A. MacNeill Little Sands. D. Fin. Secy. - Arthur White Murray Harbor. D. Treas. - L. J. Buell, Murray Harbor. D. Marsh. - R. MacRae, Wood Island. D. Lect. - James W. Cook, Belle River. D. D. L. - Peter White Murray Harbor. D. D. L. - Angus Matheson, Iris. Auditors - Carleton Hume, Iris; F. D. Brehaut, Murray River.

AYRSHIRE BREEDERS MEET

MONTREAL, Jan. 27. (CP) - Directors of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association met in session here today to prepare reports to be submitted at the annual general meeting of the association tomorrow.

President L. A. Donovan of Saint John, N.B., presided at the meeting.



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