

# WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

### Graduation

This week we have to record the formation of two more new regular troops, one at Fenelon Falls and one at Portmouth, which have been formed as the direct result of Lone Scout activity.

These two now bring the total number of Troops founded by Lones up to twelve, which is a splendid record for the two and a half years that Lone Scouting has been organized in Ontario.

At Fenelon Falls Patrol Leader Douglas Warren, by his enthusiasm and tenacity has been responsible for the formation of the 1st Fenelon Falls Troop, and he has brought his father into the movement as the new Scoutmaster.

We are sorry to lose the Portmouth "Build-up" from the Lone Scouts, as they are members of the original group who formed the first Lone Scout Troop in this province, and they have hung together through "Thick and Thin" for three years and have done most excellent work. In this centre the leader was Patrol Leader John Meers, who has now brought his brother in to be Scoutmaster of the 1st Portmouth Troop, whilst John takes the position of Assistant Scoutmaster.

We congratulate these Lones on their "graduation," and whilst we are sorry to see them leave the ranks of the Lone Scouts, we know that they will find larger scope and new fields of activity in the troops which they have organized.

Canada on the "Toy Standard"

Canadian movie theatres in numerous cities and towns went on the "Toy Standard" in December. For special matinees, that is. The admittance charge was made one toy, new or repairable, and the receipts were turned over to the local Boy Scout Christmas Toy Repair Shop.

We have not yet heard the official returns of the Toy Shop scheme, but we know that there were a lot of happy kiddies on Christmas mornings, who if it had not been for this Scout Toy Turn would have experienced a sad and disappointing Xmas.

We are glad that the Lones had a share in this work. Some of them sent out parcels from their own homes, others sent their toys to Lone

Scout Headquarters, from where they were forwarded to their new owners, and several who had neither toys or time sent contributions of money.

"Taken all round it was a splendid "Good Turn" and quite up to Lone Scout Standard."

**Santa Claus and Fairies**

Although it is a well recognized fact that all Canadian Scouts believe in Santa Claus, we are not quite sure what their attitude is on the question of Fairies.

However, we have some interesting information on this subject from Australia, as the following will show:

Lord Somers, retiring Governor of Victoria, told Australian Scouts that he thought he still believed in fairies when alone in the bush. "I could see a queer hole in a tree where some old goblin might live; and at night I used to wonder whether the fairies came out to play." Lord Somers frequently led parties of Victorian Boy Scouts on hikes of several days in the bush.

**A "Good Turn" and Its Reward**

All Scouts are expected to perform at least one "Good Turn" every day all the year around, and at any time that they can do an extra "special" one they should do so, but these good turns are done, not for reward, but in order that the Scout may be of service and helpful to others, thus living up to the obligations of his Scout Promise.

However, occasionally reward comes along when it is least expected and in novel form, as happened to the 1st Moose Jaw (Sask.) Troop upon whose members the Moose Jaw Wild Animal Park Society conferred its Life Membership in recognition of the good work done by the Troop in improving the Park.

**The World Scout Jamboree, 1933**

Those Lone Scouts who are interested in the 1933 World Scout Jamboree will be interested to know that Count Paul Teleki, former Prime Minister of Hungary, and Hungarian Honorary Chief Scout, has been appointed Camp Chief of the Jamboree Camp.

Are you interested in being a Lone Scout?

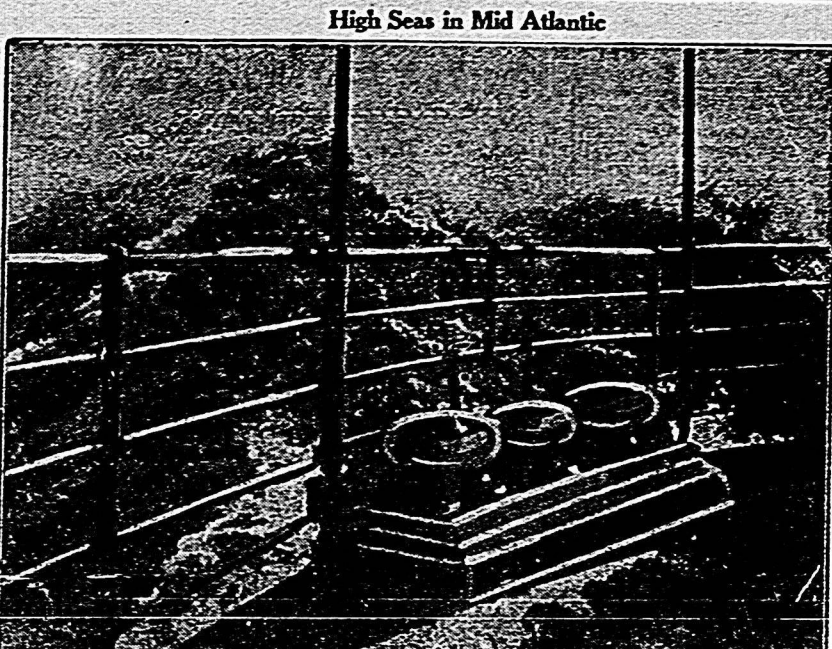
If you are between 12 and 13 years of age and unable to join a regular Troop write for particulars to the Lone Scout Department, 333 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

## New Stamps for China

Shanghai.—Commemorative of the Chinese leaders who lost their lives or died in the early revolutionary struggles which resulted in the overthrow of the old imperial regime and establishment of the Republic, the Government at Nanjing, a special issue of postage stamps is being placed on sale at all Chinese postoffices.

The new issue is divided into the Sun Yat-sen and the "Martyr" designs, the former bearing the portrait of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the "Father of the Republic." The second design commemorates the martyrs of the revolution and each one tells its own story in the historical background of the man whose portrait it bears. The Sun Yat-sen design was issued in denominations of 2 cents olive and 4 cents green, and is surmounted by the white sun, the Kuo-min-tang emblem, and at the bottom are the Chinese characters "Chung Hua Min Kuo Yu Tseng," meaning the "Republic of China Postal Service." The first issue was bought up by philatelists, but other denominations of 15 cents, 25 cents, \$1, \$2 and \$5 will be issued later.

The "Martyr" design, yet to be placed on sale, comprises the following denominations and portraits: Teng K'eng, 1/2 cent and 5 cents; Liao Chung-kai, 6 and 30 cents; Chu Chia-hsin, 8 and 12 cents; Sung Chia-chen, 10 and 16 cents; General Huang Hsin, 20 and 40 cents; General Chen Ch'ien, who was assassinated in Shanghai at the investigation, history says, of Yuan Shih-kai, 1 cent and 50 cents.



When the north Atlantic waves are whipped to cold green fury, by the gale, this expanse of sea, known to mariners as the western ocean, surpasses anything else Neptune has to offer. This is a view from a liner during a recent gale when great ships were delayed 24 hours and beaten from their course.

## Sunday School Lesson

January 10. Lesson II.—The First Disciples—John 1: 35-49. Golden Text—Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1: 29.

### ANALYSIS

- I. THE HERALD OF THE NEW ERA, 1: 19-34.
- II. THE HERALD'S TESTIMONY RECEIVED, 1: 35-39.
- III. INTRODUCING JESUS, 1: 40-51.

**INTRODUCTION**—This passage tells how the first believers came to discover that Jesus was the "Christ," the expected Messiah, the Promised One.

**I. THE HERALD OF THE NEW ERA, 1: 19-34.**

The first to recognize that Jesus was something more than a village carpenter was John, the young preacher beyond Jordan. His burning appeals for repentance and righteousness brought the inevitable crowds. People like sermons which denounced "The Jew" (v. 19), much concerned at what they were hearing about him, sent a delegation to ask him who he was.

## Infant Mortality Declining in West

Ottawa.—Increasing use of the pre-natal and post-natal correspondence educational service operated by the Provincial Department of Health in co-operation with the Canadian Council on Child and Family Welfare, was a contributing factor to the record low infantile death rate in British Columbia, Dr. H. E. Young, health officer for that province, said in an address here.

Dr. Young was a delegate to the meeting of the child hygiene section of the council which was attended by every provincial health officer in the Dominion with the exception of Nova Scotia.

British Columbia had reduced its infant mortality from 54 out of 1,000 in 1921 to 42 in 1929, the lowest in the Dominion and among the lowest in the world, it was stated. Reports from other provinces disclosed an increasing spread in public education on infantile health matters.

The correspondence system provides for all who apply for it a series of letters extending over a period of nine months prior to the birth of the child to twelve months after. It was estimated that 20 per cent of the mothers of the 213,000 children born in Canada last year had taken advantage of the form of motherhood education. The system was organized in 1925 and 1,000 mothers took advantage of it the first year. Last year the number had increased to 69,457.

The course is administered by the council and at the expense of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association.

## Correspondence Educational Service Big Factor in B.C.

Many influential Mexicans are connected with the Compania Hulera Mexicana, which will manufacture tires by the Giron method. Ex-President Calles heads the concern, which has a capital of 200,000 pesos; Alejandro Luvieri, retired diplomat, is vice-president; Juan Platt, treasurer of the National Railways, is the company's treasurer; directors include Secretary of Foreign Affairs Genaro Estrada and sub-Secretary of War General Abelardo Rodriguez.

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## Rubber To Be Made From Crude Oil

Huge Production Plant to Go Into Operation Early in January

Mexico City.—Large scale production of automobile tires and other rubber products from synthetic rubber made from petroleum is expected to start here in January.

Julio Teller Giron, research chemist, who perfected the process after seventeen years' experiment, told The United Press that the Compania Hulera Mexicana, of which ex-President Pintarro Elias Calles is president, would have a plant in operation by January which would produce from 200 to 400 tires and 5,000 rubber heels daily.

In celebration of issuance of a patent for his process at Washington, Senator Giron drove to Cuernavaca, in his automobile equipped with synthetic tires, on a pleasure trip.

The inventor explained that he had held the idea for seventeen years that petroleum in its early stages closely resembles rubber, and that his formula merely returns petroleum to its early stages. With a crude petroleum base he mixes ground sugar cane or other ingredients that have a higher sugar content. He refines and fries the compound in the sun and vulcanizes it with sulphur.

Giron first made successful experiments two years ago. He was employed for several years by the Pop Rubber Company here. Products made by his process were submitted successfully to the most severe tests.

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## New Figure Reached in Tobacco Production

The production of Canadian leaf tobacco has made a new record this year. According to a preliminary estimate prepared jointly by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the crop this season is 48,220,000 pounds. The highest record in the past was 43,910,000 pounds in 1927, while the next highest was 41,975,000 pounds in 1928. Last year the crop amounted to 36,716,000 pounds. The present year is thus over 30 per cent above last year and approximately 9 per cent higher than the record.

The most notable features of the season of 1931 are the tremendous increases in the production of bright, fine-cured and Burley tobacco. Preliminary estimates indicate a crop of over 21,000,000 pounds of the former and 13,000,000 pounds of the latter, compared with 12,334,000 pounds and 12,257,750 pounds, respectively, in 1930. The entire increase in this production has taken place in the New Belt, that is in the Counties of Oxford, Norfolk and Elgin. There has been a proportionate expansion in the district, with the bulk of the crop being grown in the Old Belt of Kent and Essex. The growing of dark cured and fire-cured tobacco has continued the downward trend noted last year. Cigar leaf is about the same, but Quebec pipe tobacco shows decreases. Production in British Columbia has more than doubled, both Burley and bright leaf showing increase. Of the total production, it is estimated that 40,860,000 pounds from Ontario, 7,150,000 pounds from Quebec and 1,000,000 pounds from British Columbia.

## Million Dollar Rain in Regina District

Regina.—Southern Saskatchewan, where King Winter had started his reign, blanketed under a white coating of snow, was recently turned into a vast area of mud and slush, the streets of its towns and cities running water.

All but the largest of snowbanks have disappeared, extensive sheets of ice have turned to water and temperatures which average 30 above zero are the rule.

Only a week before Christmas the province was soaked by a "million dollar rain," which extended from the eastern boundary to the west.

## France's Mystery Plane

News has been received of a mysterious aeroplane which has been constructed in France. Built in the greatest secrecy and working on an entirely new principle, this plane is expected to achieve amazing results. Speeds of 500 miles an hour—nearly 100 miles an hour higher than the present record held by Britain—are expected.

A wide-spreading, hopeful disposition is our only true umbrella in this vale of tears.—T. B. Aldrich.

## Mutt Loses a Million Dollar Bet.



## Quebec Leads in Population Gain

### B.C. Highest Percentage Increase—Only Two Provinces Show Decrease

The largest absolute gain in population during Canada's past ten years was made by Quebec.

British Columbia made the largest percentage gain.

This is revealed by the 1931 census, the preliminary figures of which give Canada a total population of 10,758,778. The actual increase in all the provinces is 1,958,829, and the whole percentage increase is 17.82.

All provinces show increases excepting Prince Edward Island, which records a minus of 575, and Nova Scotia, recording a minus of 11,816.

The Toronto Globe finds that the rate of population growth in Ontario has been well maintained during the past decade. Of the eighty-two electoral districts in the province, it appears that all but twenty-five show an increase. The larger increases have been, of course, in the districts with city population, and this daily continues.

"Northern Ontario shows numerous advances, especially in important mining camps. Some of the purely agricultural ridings in older Ontario show a decrease, but the continued increase in production shows that mechanical improvements and better methods have overcome the slight reduction in population on the farms. This is a side of population shifts sometimes overlooked. Certainly the production records of the past few years show that Ontario need have no anxiety over the outlook for food."

The population of each province and of all the provinces together, including actual increase, percentage increase, and the loss in Prince Edward Island and in Nova Scotia are shown in official figures of the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce as follows:

**CANADIAN CENSUS FOR 1931 (Preliminary Report)**

By R. H. Coats, Dominion Statistician

Actual Population Increase

All Canada 10,353,773 1,565,829

P. E. Island 83,040 675

Nova Scotia 512,027 11,816 (loss)

New Brunswick 408,555 59,372 (loss)

Quebec 2,869,793 503,838

Ontario 3,126,488 492,826

Manitoba 609,841 89,723

Saskatchewan 921,281 183,771

Alberta 727,497 139,013

B. Columbia 689,210 164,623

Yukon 4,212

N. Territories 7,132

## Prized Bavarian Gem Auctions at \$18,300

London.—The Wittelsbach blue diamond, gem of the Bavarian crown jewels, was auctioned off recently for £5600 (about \$18,300), in the presence of a throng of experts. A brilliant diamond pendant brought \$20,000, while another lot, including a diamond tiara, realized \$35,000.

Competition for the emeralds in the collection was even keener than for the diamonds. One stone, a magnificent specimen, weighing more than 52 carats, sold for \$33,000.

## Immigration Shows Decrease of 75 P.C.

### Newcomers to Canada For Seven Months Total 19,390

Ottawa.—According to a statement issued recently by the Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, immigration for the months of April to October, inclusive, which covers the season of active immigration, was as follows: April, 3,201; May, 3,813; June, 3,169; July, 2,541; August, 2,259; September, 2,355; October, 2,056—a total of 19,390 persons, compared with 77,544 arrivals during the corresponding period of 1930. This represents a decrease of 75 per cent. Of the arrivals for the seven months 14,496 were women and children, mostly the dependents of settlers already established in Canada.

During the same period 13,641 Canadians who had gone to the United States returned to make their homes in Canada. These were not, however, counted as immigrants.

## Graf Zeppelin Goes Into Winter Quarters

Friedrichshafen.—The Graf Zeppelin has been put in winter quarters. With the return of Dr. Hugo Eckener from Berlin, following the Aero-Arc session in November, brief landing manoeuvres were carried out, after which the veteran airship was placed in her hangar. In the meantime, complete overhauling and inspection will be made.

The year was a busy one for the Graf. A total of 73 trips were made, totalling 117,761 kilometers and 1,201 flying hours. It brought her total number of journeys since her completion at the end of 1928 to 232, with a total distance covered of 349,827 kilometers. She has spent 3,558 hours in the air.

The most important achievement of the Graf in 1931 is considered her three South American trips, since they demonstrated the feasibility of a punctual, regular line between the two continents. Dr. Eckener believes they probably will be repeated next year, perhaps the number of journeys increased. That depends, however, on the results of discussions with the Luftwaffe officials and with German postal officials, some of whom took part in the 1931 trip. The rest of the 1932 program has not yet been arranged, nor is it certain that a second Arctic journey will be undertaken.

## English Firm Will Open in Brantford

Brantford, Ont.—The third new industry to be secured for Brantford in the past few weeks, Colade of Ontario, Limited, representing the Swiss Bitumen Co. of London, England, has leased the former Westrumite plant here. The company will manufacture many lines of bitumen products, not now manufactured in Canada.

## Dominion Canned Clams Shipped to China

Canadian canned clams prepared on the Pacific Coast have been sent to Hong Kong to test the Chinese market for this commodity. More than 800 tons of clams last year were sold by one Pacific company and the product is increasing in favor.

## General Agricultural Situation

The following figures, which are supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, indicate the general crop situation for the Dominion and Prairie Provinces as on November 12, 1931. The figures for 1930 are also given for purposes of comparison:

	1930	1931
Wheat	397,872,000	298,000,000
Oats	423,148,000	331,243,000
Rye	135,160,000	67,972,000
Barley	22,018,500	5,888,000
Peas	2,370,000	1,754,000
Beans	1,438,800	1,173,900
Buckwheat	10,902,300	6,919,000
Mixed Grains	44,276,000	33,540,000
Flaxseed	4,338,000	2,847,000
Buckwheat	10,902,300	6,919,000

**Prairie Provinces, 1930**

	Acres	Bushels
Wheat	23,950,000	375,500,000
Oats	8,286,000	254,011,000
Barley	4,755,000	109,495,000
Rye	1,270,000	29,641,000
Flaxseed	671,000	4,293,000

**1931**

	Acres	Bushels
Wheat	25,352,722	279,000,000
Oats	8,311,967	188,000,000
Barley	3,202,737	51,200,000
Rye	711,709	4,750,000
Flaxseed	618,561	2,750,000

## Many Killed During Dense Fog Over England

London.—England recently experienced one of the densest fogs in recent years. Numerous accidents at sea and on highways and railroads with a loss of approximately twenty lives testified to unusual intensity of atmospheric conditions.

Two persons were known dead and about 50 Christmas shoppers were injured in a train wreck at Dagenham Dock. A freight train which struck a passenger train carried a cargo of benzine which fortunately was not ignited. Two coaches, occupied mostly by women and children, were telescoped.

The crew of fifteen of the trawler Girdleness were believed lost when the ship went ashore and was broken in two by an explosion near Thorshavn, Faroe Islands.

For the first time in 1931 not a single incoming air liner was able to reach Croydon aerodrome. Visibility was about 10 yards.

## Family Holds Farm Three Hundred Years

Stratham, N.H.—Some member of the Wiggin family has held title to a farm near here ever since it was deeded to Thomas Wiggin by the crown in 1633. Nathan Wiggin is the present owner.

## MUTT AND JEFF—By BUD FISHER

