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Scout's 45th Year Has Some "Firsts"
Canada's Boy Scout membership has grown from 85,729 to 157,843 in the past 12 years, an increase of 72.14. The number of volunteer adult leaders increased from 6,135 to 14,282.
During the past year 29,729 Canadian Scouts spent a total of 277,354 camper days in registered Scout Camps throughout all ten provinces and these figures do not include time spent on overnight or week-end camping trips.
There were 6,358 Scouting units in Canada at the close of the year, including the troop here in town, compared with 5,992 for the previous similar period. The latest total includes 3,339 Wolf Cub Packs, 2,760 Scout Troops and 259 Rover Crews.
Slightly over 50 per cent. of Canada's Scout Groups are church sponsored, actually 2,065 out of 3,395. There are 891 Community Groups and 199 are sponsored by service clubs.
For the first time Scout Leadership Training Courses were conducted in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Courses were held, as usual, at Blue Springs Scout Reserve near Acton.
Included in Canada's growing Scout membership today are 50,638 Boy Scouts, 88,962 Wolf Cubs, 2,537 Rover Scouts, 919 Sea Scouts, 128 Rover Sea Scouts, 877 Lone Scouts, 14,282 Scouters.

Halton's Pages of the Past
Distinction of Scotch Block's First Settler Proves Controversial Question in Early Area Records
by GWEN CLARKE
Highway 25, one of the busiest roads in the northern part of Halton County runs parallel with the west side of the Scotch Block. Although the boundaries of the Scotch Block have never been defined by a surveyor, older residents claim that the Block extends from the Base Line between Trafalgar and Esqueving, north to the check line and from the town line between the 5th and 6th concessions of Esqueving. Some time in the near future it is expected that a section of Highway 401 will criss-cross the Block from east to west. This network of highways and county roads presents a very different picture from the dense forest of pine and hardwood that confronted the early settlers back in 1818 when this section of Ontario was first opened for settlement.
First Settler?
Who was the first settler? That is a controversial question as the descendants of more than one family claim that distinction. The reason is not far to seek. In the early days few records were kept. An immigrant might settle down for a while and then move on. If he applied for Crown Land there were certain settlement duties to perform. Once they were done he was eligible to apply for title to his land. There was no time limit so there was often a considerable lapse of time between the date of settlement and the application for, and approval of, the land patent. However, according to the records presented in "The History of the Province of Ontario" the first two settlers in Esqueving, which of course includes the Scotch Block, are "said" to have been James Hume and Ronald MacDonaid.
Two surveyors, Richard Bristol and Timothy Street, were the first to receive registered Crown Deeds. Bristol was given Lot 2, concession 4, and Street, Lot 12, Concession 7. What happened to Bristol history fails to reveal but Timothy Street

finally settled in Streetsville where he built the first grist mill to operate in that district and was honored by having the district named after him.
In 1821 the applications of seven families for Crown land were approved—Hunter, Cummer, McGowan, Kay, Cameron, Broady and Hardy. From 1822 the settlement really became a "Scotch Block" as names still familiar in the district today were registered as the owners of Crown Land—Robertson, Patterson, MacNabb, Fisher, Laidlaw, Murray, Henderson, Chisholm, Darling, Elliott, Stewart, Shortreed and many others.
Firmly Established
In 1828 King's College owned over 800 acres, and in 1829-2,000 acres was held in Esqueving by the Canada Company for prospective buyers. By this time the Scotch Block was firmly established and from year to year relatives of the first settlers arrived to swell their numbers.
It is said their most fervent prayer was "God bless our ain folk, the Scotch!" And then rumours began to spread... an intrepid Irishman was said to be taking up land in the Scotch Block. Could this be allowed? The Scottish fathers hastily called a meeting to discuss the situation. What transpired can only be surmised. Anyway, Thomas Joyce, from the land of the Shamrock settled on Lot 7, Concession 4, and was accepted into the community.
Perhaps the company he kept was in his favour, as on his way to the Scotch Block, Thomas Joyce trekked through the bush with three Scottish friends. On their way up from the Dundas they spent the night under two elm trees on the Chisholm farm which is now the property of Mr. J. A. M. Taylor, corner of the Base and 6th Line. The two elm trees are still there. Today descendants of the first Thomas Joyce are well known in Halton County as breeders of prize-winning Guernsey cattle.
By and large the first settlers in Scotch Block were well-educated, God-fearing people so it was only natural their first concern should be for churches and schools for their families. The first log-cabin school was built on Lot 2, Concession 3. Trees were felled, trimmed and "snaked" by ox-team to the site of the school. Later other and better schools were built in the community.
Residing Address
The first house, other than a log cabin, was built on the farm of John Stewart (the present "Craiglea" guest home). From the front steps of this lovely old house William Lyon Mackenzie gave one of his roving addresses. Mackenzie had



SCOTCH BLOCK PIONEERS built substantial homes, many of which still stand today. This reproduction shows Craiglea, original home of John Stewart who was a notable Scotch Block settler and an avid supporter of the fiery rebel, William Lyon Mackenzie, who once addressed a crowd of would-be followers from the steps of this handsome old home. It was the first house, other than a log building, in the Scotch Block.

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ACROSS CONTINENT
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