

The thirty-third annual Canadian National Exhibition was held by the Industrial Exhibition Association at Toronto from August 29 to September 9 and was opened by His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada. During the 12 days of the Exhibition the attendance reached the record total of 926,500, the largest attendance in one day being 151,000 on Monday, September 4. The total receipts amounted to \$336,178 and the profits to \$46,576.

Toronto Exhi-
bition 1911.

Amongst present efforts of social amelioration none should appeal more strongly to public support than those which having regard to the future manhood of the Empire seek to build up character and form habits of discipline in boys. Cadet corps, boys' brigades and other quasi-military organisations have for many years done good work; but the latest institution of this type—the boy scout movement—has within three years attained to extraordinary influence and popularity throughout the British Empire and even in foreign countries.

Canadian
boy scout
movement.

Scouting is essentially for the purpose of character building, and it includes training in discipline, unselfishness and courtesy. The Canadian boy has usually plenty of resourcefulness and self reliance, which scouting develops, so much so that he may be inclined to be too independent and to be lacking in the other qualities mentioned. In a scout's training his loyalty and obedience are developed as matters of honour, and his instruction in woodcraft, camp work, pioneering, etc., tends to make him far more efficient as a soldier should he decide later to adopt a military career. Personal responsibility for his own physical development and health are encouraged in each boy, and he is trusted, on his honour, "to do a good turn every day". The movement is interdenominational, and the prerogatives of pastors and parents are not interfered with; but the observance and practice of whatever form of religion is professed is insisted upon. The main duty impressed upon each boy is the daily practice of chivalry and helpfulness to others.

Purpose of the
movement in
Canada.

When inaugurated early in 1908 by General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the defender of Mafeking, the movement was intended to be used by existing boys' organisations, with, in some cases, unattached troops and patrols. Its rapid spread has however resulted in separate organisations, and in Great Britain the Boy Scouts' Association is now incorporated under royal charter with His Majesty the King as Patron and Sir Robert Baden-Powell as Chief Scout.

Organisation
in Great
Britain.

For the control and direction of the movement in Canada upon lines of general uniformity a headquarters council was formed at Ottawa in 1910, with an executive committee under His Excellency the Governor General (Earl Grey). Provincial councils, each with a commissioner and secretary, were formed for the nine provinces. On November 18 1911 H. R. H. the Governor General accepted the position of Canadian Chief Scout vacated by Lord Grey upon leaving Canada, and all Canadian warrants

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