

are now issued in His Royal Highness's name. A contingent of 130 scouts from Canada visited England for the coronation under the command of Lieut.-Col. F. Minden Cole. They were honoured with a place along the route of the coronation procession, and on July 4 they attended a Scouts' Rally to H. M. the King in Windsor Great Park. On September 30 1911 the Boy Scouts of Canada numbered 13,808 in 297 associations.

Loss of Royal Northwest Mounted Police patrol. In February Inspector F. J. Fitzgerald and his three companions, members of a patrol of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police from Fort McPherson to Dawson, Yukon Territory, lost their lives through exposure and starvation after heroic but vain attempts to return to Fort McPherson for food and shelter. The bodies of the victims of this terrible tragedy were found within the Arctic Circle to the south of Fort McPherson.

Forest fires. Early in July forest fires of more than ordinary severity devastated the Porcupine mining districts of Ontario. Reaching their maximum severity about July 11 they assumed in fact the dimensions of a national disaster. About 70 persons lost their lives, the towns of Cochrane and South Porcupine were destroyed and damage to property occurred that was variously estimated at from one-and-a-half to three million dollars. Funds in aid of the sufferers were collected immediately by public subscription, and prompt relief in the shape of militia tents and blankets was furnished by the Dominion Government. Other forest fires during the same month of exceptionally dry weather occurred in Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

Heat wave of July 1911. Heat of unprecedented intensity characterised the weather of Ontario during the first six days of July. In many places in the peninsula the thermometer registered shade temperatures of 100° F. or higher on four successive days. At Stonecliffe, Ottawa river, 109° were recorded on July 2 and 103° at Chatham, Stony Creek, Renfrew and Toronto.

Department of Secretary of State. The number of charters of incorporation issued during the fiscal year 1911-12, including supplementary charters, was 658, as compared with 544 for the last fiscal year 1910-11. The total capitalisation of the new companies during the year 1911-12 was \$447,627,000, and the capital of existing companies was increased during the year by \$42,939,000, making the total of the capital authorised for the year to amount to \$490,566,000. as compared with \$483,131,400 for the previous year.

Juvenile Delinquents Act, 1908. The Juvenile Delinquents Act 1908 was put into force in three cities during 1911, viz., Halifax, February 11, Toronto, December 1, and Montreal, December 28. These, with Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Charlottetown, make eight cities in Canada to which the act now applies.

Post Office savings banks. Post Office savings banks have been authorised to accept deposits amounting to \$1,500 in any one year, and the maximum limit of an account has been fixed at \$5,000, exclusive of in-