

WANTS SEA SCOUTS ON LAKE ONTARIO

Sir Robert Baden-Powell Suggests That Such a Body
be Established.

HE MISSED A RECEPTION

Got Off at Parkdale While
Crowds Waited at the
Union Station.

Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, did not arrive—that is, as far as the crowd of Exhibition officials, Boy Scouts, and the general public which was waiting for him at the Union Station, were concerned.

While they were standing on the platform, the distinguished visitor was making his way alone from Parkdale at the west end of the city to Rosedale, the home of Mr. E. B. Osler, his host, at the north-east end. Baden-Powell did not even go across the city in a carriage, and for part of the way he did not take a street car.

"I walked for a while, and then rode for a while," he said, laughing, to the newspaper men who saw him later.

"I didn't know that any reception had been planned for me, and took the advice of a friend on the train, who said that Parkdale was the closest station to Rosedale. However, this is exactly the route I took when I was here four years ago.

"On my way across the city I was interested in the poor districts, which really do not deserve the name of slums here. I talked to several workmen as I passed."

The General, although he was sorry to have disappointed the public, seemed to take the whole affair as a joke.

It was the very opposite, however, to those who had waited, some of them for hours, at the Union station.

Train Was Late.

The train was late in the first place, and it was almost 9 o'clock when it pulled into the station.

Among those who had come to greet Baden-Powell were Mayor Geary, Ald. Maguire, chairman of the Reception Committee, and Ald. McCausland, representing the city; W. K. McNaught, M.P., and ex-Mayor Oliver, representing the Exhibition Board; J. B. McKay, president of the Canadian Club; T. C. Irving, J. Castell Hopkins, and E. G. Osler, son of E. B. Osler, M.P.

It was Captain Irvine, the General's staff officer, who informed the disappointed officials about his chief's movements.

In addition to these officials and a large crowd of people, there were 300 Boy Scouts, under the command of Scout Master E. F. Britton and McKechnie, Assistant Commissioner H. G. Hammond, and Brigade-Adjutant J. K. Stalker. The boys were not entirely disappointed. They had the pleasure of escorting the fifteen British Boy Scouts, who came on the same train, to the Exhibition Grounds, via the Fort road. In company with the local troops of Scouts were several from outside places, including Halleybury, Brampton, Napanee, and Whitby.