

## Was Pioneer Scout

Sir: An item in your paper of Friday, Feb. 15, interests me very much, as Scouting was my first love as a boy. The Scout Movement was founded in Toronto in 1907. Earl Moore, who is still a resident in Toronto, was the first Patrol Leader. E. P. Bagg was a member of this original patrol, along with Earl and myself, and a number of others who have since died and either three or four who were killed overseas in World War I. Baden-Powell, contrary to belief, did not actually start his scouts in 1907. He ran a test camp in August of 1907 for boys, then early in 1908 he called them Boy Scouts and brought out the scout laws. Earl Moore, I believe, saw a newspaper article in 1907, and got the idea about starting the Boy Scouts in Canada. The article described what Baden-Powell intended doing, but the Canadian boys actually beat him to the punch. They called themselves B. P. Boy Scouts in 1907. Just after we had started our patrol, a number of younger lads wanted to come in, around the ages from nine to 12, and we started a troop we called the Elephant patrol, which actually was the birth of the Cubs in Canada. This would be about 1909. The first organized troop we were in was the **3rd Toronto**, and then later the 5th and then the 9th. I left the 9th to go to St. Stephen's church, where the 27th was just forming. The last troop I was with was the 44th Toronto Troop at Parliament Street Methodist church. I was there until I went overseas in World War I. THOS. PRICE

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