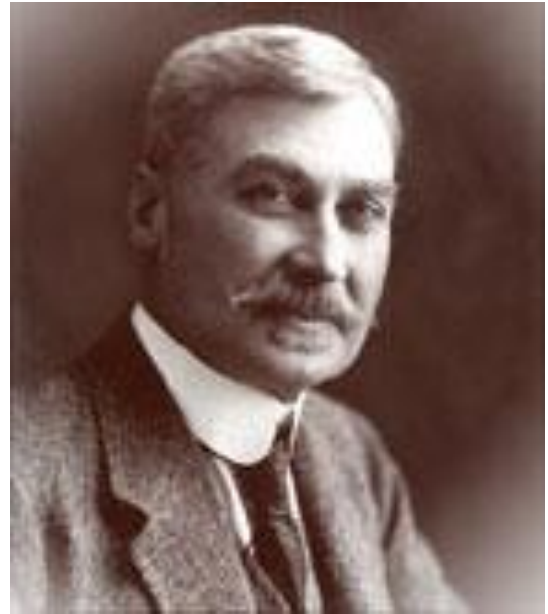


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Col. R. W. Leonard

IN the passing of Col. R. W. Leonard of St. Catharines, Ont., Canadian Scouting lost a warm friend, and Canada one of her most public spirited citizens. While Scouts and leaders throughout the Dominion knew Col. Leonard chiefly as the donor of the Leonard provincial first aid trophies, awarded in connection with the Wallace Nesbitt Junior competitions, and perhaps as a generous supporter of Scouting financially, those who had the privilege of his personal acquaintance knew him as one who offered a splendid example of fortitude and of generous thought for others during a prolonged illness. Although unable to leave his bed for some eight years, he maintained his interest in public affairs, especially in the work of benevolent organizations of every kind. Col. Leonard was a true Scout.



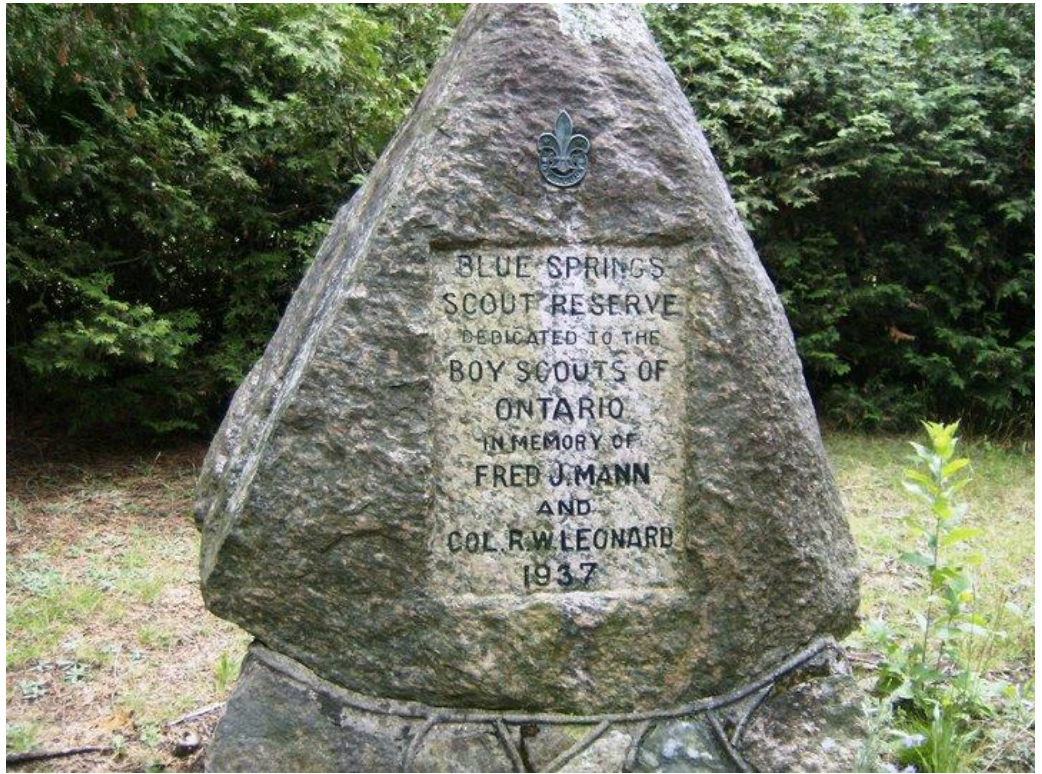
Lt.Col. Rueben Wells Leonard

21 February 1860-17December 1930

Lieutenant-Colonel **Reuben Wells Leonard** (son of Francis Henry Leonard, a businessman and civic official, and Mary Elizabeth Catton) was a soldier, civil engineer, railroad and mining executive, and philanthropist who was born 21 February 1860 in Brantford, Ontario. Following a short stint as a teacher in Brant County(where he attended both Elementary and Secondary schools), he studied civil engineering at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario,(RMC 1883 student # 87). He graduated from RMC in 1883 as the silver medalist in a class of 23 cadets. He next worked as an engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railway doing survey and construction work. He left temporarily to serve as a Staff Officer of Transport during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. In the period from 1886 to early 1906, he was involved mainly in railway and hydroelectric projects in central and eastern Canada that took him first to Manitoba and later, to Quebec, Nova Scotia and British Columbia. Among these, he worked on the construction of the first Niagara Falls power station, in 1892-93. A grubstaking venture in northern Ontario in 1905 led to the acquisition of a mineral-rich claim in the centre of Cobalt, Ontario. In 1908 Colonel Ruben Wells Leonard established and became President of Coniagas Mines Ltd until he died at his stately Springbank home in St. Catharines on 17 December 1930. These mines, which contained cobalt, nickel, silver, and arsenic, made him a wealthy man. In 1911, Robert Borden made him chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Concern, the forerunner of the Canadian National Railways. He oversaw the construction of the line from Moncton, New Brunswick, to Winnipeg, Manitoba. He joined the Corps of Guides in 1904 and during World War I; he served in Europe with the Corps of Guides. He was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel in September 1915. Lieutenant-Colonel Reuben Wells Leonard and his wife Kate (m. 11 Oct. 1889 Kate Rowlands who died 12 Sept. 1935) built a stately home, Springbank, which overlooked the old Welland Canal in St Catharines. The Leonard's did not have any children, but a nephew, Arthur Leonard Bishop (son of Francis John Bishop and Edith Matilda Leonard), at 12 years of age became their ward when he came from Brantford to their St Catharines Springbank home to attend Ridley College and Royal Military College; and was later heir to the 4.5 Million Leonard fortune. In 1923, Col. R.W. Leonard donated land to Queen's University, on which Leonard Hall and Leonard Field were named in his honour. In 1923 .R.W. Leonard wrote to Chief Commissioner James Robertson and on January of 1937 this legacy of the late Col. R. W. Leonard (who died on 17 December 1930 in St. Catharines, Ontario) furnished the funding for the balance of the payments for the rest of the money that was needed for payment to close this sale of Blue Springs's 100 acres. As a soldier, Col. R.W. Leonard took a keen interest in the Cadet movement, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts not for purposes of fostering military spirit but rather as a means of training and self discipline. (And donated \$20,000. Dollars to each of Cadets, Guides, and Scouts in the Province of Ontario around 1923).



Arthur Leonard Bishop



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Ontario Training Center
"Blue Springs Scout Reserve," the former Blue Springs Park, near Acton, Ont., the 100 acre property which is to be developed as a training center for Ontario Scout leaders, was formally dedicated July 21st. The acquiring of the reserve was made possible by a memorial contribution received from the family of the late Fred J. Mann of Toronto and a donation to the provincial council of the Boy Scouts Association by the late Col. R. W. Leonard of St. Catharines. The keen interest of Mr. Mann and Col. Leonard in the Scout movement was commemorated in connection with the opening of the reserve by the unveiling of a rustic stone monument. The main entrance to the reserve is marked by a stockade gateway, a reproduction of a pioneer day blockhouse.

Arthur Leonard Bishop

Arthur Leonard Bishop was born in Brantford, Ontario on November 21st, 1895 and became a Leonard ward when he moved to the Springbank St. Catharines home of Ruben and Kate Leonard when he was 12 during the Ridley College School year of 1907-1908. Leonard Bishop was a Ridley College Student from 1907 to 1912. Len went next to the Royal Military College in Kingston and graduated (where he was a student and friend of J.H Roberts) and was commissioned into the Middlesex (Imperial/British) Regiment in 1914. A. Len Bishop was wounded in France 1916 and he returned to England and became a major by 1919. Leonard Bishop became a Board of Ridley College Governor in 1924 and guided his Alma Matter Ridley College safely through the depression. During WW2 Len Bishop was part of the 5th infantry brigade and rose to rank of Colonel. Leonard Bishop was connected to Ridley College for about 60 years, 1951-1963 he was president of the board, 44 of them as governor. He became well known in Canada, by becoming president of the Canada Club, director of Imperial Bank of Canada Co. Arthur Leonard Bishop was president Emeritus of Ridley College until he died on September 29th, 1968 at the age of 73. On Wednesday July 21, 1937 Colonel Arthur Leonard Bishop the nephew, ward and heir to the 4.5 Million dollar Leonard Estate (Col. R.W. Leonard died in 1930 and his wife Kate Rowlands died in 1935 and there were no children) came to the official opening of Blue Springs Scout Reserve and stood at the Patron or Benefactor's Stone with the widow of Fred J. Mann to honour the Financial contribution of the Family of Fred J Mann and the \$20, 000. Dollar legacy donation of Col. R. W. Leonard that purchased the Blue Springs Scout reserve on January 18th, 1937.

2948-25 Arthur Leonard BISHOP, 29, civil engineer, Brantford, St. Catharines, s/o Francis John BISHOP & Edith Matilda LEONARD, married Mary Woodhouse LANGMUIR, 28, Toronto, same, d/o Archibald David LANGMUIR & Margaret INCE, witnesses: Gordon T. CASSELS of 128 Park Rd in Toronto & Dorothy ARNOLDI of 351 Cote des Neiges Rd in Montreal, 6 June 1925.

During WW2 Col. Arthur Leonard Bishop who was a ward of Col. Leonard since he was 12 years of age and a friend of 2nd Canadian Infantry Division Commander Major General (MG) John Hamilton "Ham" Roberts CB, DSO, MC (December 21, 1891 - 1963) when Col. Leonard was in his 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade. After their troops landed on the beaches of Dieppe in August of 1942 MG Ham Roberts and Col. Len Bishop were both removed from Commanding Canadian troops and these 1914 Royal Military college graduates, WW1 veterans, and friends were returned to Civilian life.