

The New Concord

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City: Concord, NH

Population: 8,100/73,000

Controls: arguably, New Hampshire

Government: Democratic

Problem: Monsters

Heroic Opportunity: Bounty

City Aspect: Fortified.

New Hampshire actually weathered the Serpentsfall remarkably well. Manchester and Nashua were wrecked by the tidal wave, but the state capital of Concord was above the floodline, and new Governor Charles Dale was in town and able to coordinate relief efforts effectively. The last few years have been incredibly hard, but Governor Dale can still truthfully claim that he is the legitimate and legal governor of New Hampshire. Dale was re-elected in an honest election in 1946, and will likely be re-elected again in 1948; interestingly, New Hampshire also plans to vote for a US President in the same election, despite the fact that the entire Poisoned Lands stretch between them and what's left of the USA.

Virtually every person left in the state accepts Dale's authority; the only exceptions are the poor unfortunates still in the coastal part of New Hampshire. And most of them are frankly mad. But the real problem for Concord and the rest of the state is Massachusetts, which has become a breeding ground for every sort of Serpent tainted monster imaginable. Giant mosquitoes and flies, mutated arthropods, gargantuan crabs and lobsters; even the humble chameleon has grown huge and dangerous on Serpent venom.

The human-derived monsters of Massachusetts are no better; the ghouls of Boston are stronger (d10 Strength), and show an unfortunate ability to remember how to use and maintain cobbled-together guns. What fully human denizens that still remain are not much better, as they are uniformly vicious, paranoid, murderous; some are possibly even cannibalistic. In other words, there is no longer any justice left in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, save what a man brings with him.

Governor Dale is thus trying to create a League of Towns to defend against incursions from coastal Massachusetts: he mostly recruits from surviving towns in Vermont and *western* Massachusetts, where the higher elevation provided refuge for survivors. Concord also recruits

heavily for 'salvage teams' who are not averse to shooting as many monsters as they can during salvage missions. The monsters come back, though. They always do.

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