

Women's Institutes and their Work

The summer series of Women's Institute meetings had not been in progress many days before reports of success were received at the Department of Agriculture. The weather at the beginning was somewhat unfavorable, but the attendance at all the meetings has been most satisfactory, and, while there are and always will be some who do not appreciate the work of the Women's Institutes, the reports show a marked increase of interest on the part of those who have been in attendance at the meetings. The delegates sent out by the Department are doing splendid work, and the members of Institutes and others have not been slow in showing their appreciation by the interested way in which they have taken part in the discussions, which are one of the features of these meetings.

Institutes will be suggestive to other Institutes.

PROGRAMME FOR 1907-08.

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June—Public meeting.

July—Entertainment. Cost of Living and Waste through Injudicious Buying.

August—Pickling, Catsups, Leisure Moments.

September—The Dangers of Luxury in Modern Life.

October—Prevention of Disease. Health of Children. Care of the Sick.

November—Christmas Preparations. Winter Flowers.

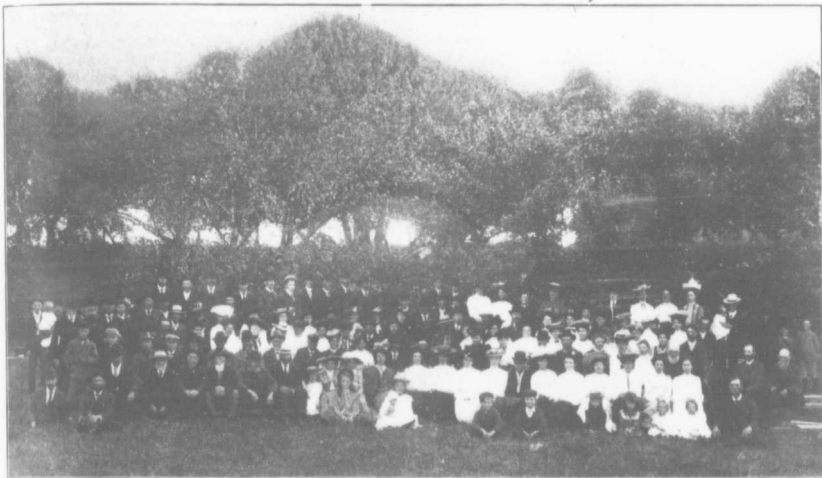
December—Report of Guelph Convention. Literature.

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January—Simple Diet for a Week. Uses and Care of Milk.

and gave them to me. He told me to put them all together and press dirt firmly about the roots. Let them grow till they are one and half or two inches high, then transplant separately. They would then produce lovely bloom in the fall.

My labors were rewarded by both bloom and seed. The seed I brought with me to my New Ontario home. I have had a few new seeds since, but still keep the old ones. I sow the seed the last of March in a shallow box and transplant into separate pots. I procure dirt rich with fine stable manure, pulverizing all thoroughly. (I have the best success with heated dirt so as to kill all insects and weed seed.) I then fill the pots and press down very firmly, set in the plant and press firmly again about the roots. Some of the plants will wilt, but if kept watered and in the shade they will revive. They require a great deal of water. Let them dry out to the point of wilting, then



A SUMMER INSTITUTE GATHERING

The advertising of these meetings has been more systematically done than in previous years, and the district and local officers have worked together to make them a success. The result of their efforts has been not only an excellent attendance, but also an increase of membership in many districts.

Many of the Institutes have already planned their work for the new year, 1907-08, and, judging from the programs received by the Superintendent, the work is likely to be in advance of that of former years.

The Department is much gratified to know of the appreciation of the women of Ontario of the delegates which are sent out to visit the Institutes each summer.

February—Sewing, Mending, and Fancy Work.

March—Care of Furs. Winter Clothing, etc.

April—Week's Work. Discussion.

May—Annual meeting.

Flowers in Northern Ontario

My knowledge of flowers, or the scientific culture of them, is limited. But, someone said, "Oh I've grown such beautiful Asters." It is true I have had some success with Asters, and I know no better way than to tell you how I got my start. Eight years ago, I visited a greenhouse to purchase a palm. The old gentleman who showed me through talked of the different plants and their habits or culture as suited his fancy. As we passed the place where they propagated Asters, he turned out five from the little forcing pots (each a seed in a pot), set them on a piece of paper

saturate thoroughly. When in bloom be careful not to get water on the bloom as it blights it.

Asters do very well in open ground, but do not last so long as those that have the protection of a veranda. The color of the stalk tells something of the color of the bloom. The white stalks give a very bright green bloom. The darker the stalk, the darker the bloom. Last year we had seven hundred blooms out at one time and we cut them every day. They often cheer my homesick heart in this new land, and have been a great source of satisfaction. I keep other plants but succeed best with Asters.

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The Garden

The following programme gotten out by the South Waterloo Women's

The garden, I think, should have a more important place on the farm