

the close of the debate. Each speaker should have a brief outline of his arguments on a card, so that a glance at it will keep him in line with his plan.

For the best outline of a debate (not more than 350 words) on some live topic, giving a synopsis of the arguments for both sides, we offer a copy of "5,000 Facts About Canada."

Canadian Poetry

Many Canadians would be surprised at the quantity and quality of Canadian poetry if they made a little study of the subject. The suggestion of the Educational Association, at its last meeting regarding the introduction of Canadian literature into our

schools is well worthy of attention. Let us hope that the new series of Readers will have a good selection of Canadian prose and verse.

When winter lifts

A sounding trumpet to his strenuous lips,

And shapes the drifts

To curves of transient loveliness, he slips

Upon the pasture's ineffectual brown
A swan-soft vestiment delicate as down.

—E. Wetherald.

Oh no! there's not a fairer land
Beneath heaven's azure dome—
Where Peace holds Pleasure by the hand,
And Freedom finds a home.

—Helen M. Johnson (1861).

Women's Institutes and their Work

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The annual convention of the Ontario Women's Institutes will be held in Massey Hall, Agricultural College, Guelph, on December 11th and 12th. Fuller announcements as to programme will be made at that time. Among the subjects of interest to be taken up are: "Breakfast Foods," by Prof. R. Harcourt of Guelph; and "Feeding and Care of Children," by Miss C. A. Atkins, of Detroit, who has given this subject a great deal of study. Miss M. E. Watson will also give an address upon the same subject. "The Education and Training of the Young Woman on the Farm," will also form a subject for addresses and discussion. A number of Institute officers and workers from different sections of the Province will give brief addresses and take part in discussions upon such topics as are of general interest to Institute members.

During the past two years very little time has been given to discussing ways and means of perfecting the work of the Institute. This will receive considerable attention this year. We have been fortunate in securing the consent of Mr. C. C. James of the Department of Agriculture to give an address upon "The Home." Two or three other prominent speakers are expected to attend the Convention, of which fuller announcements will be made later.

NEWLY ORGANIZED INSTITUTES.

In corresponding with newly-formed Institutes throughout many sections of the Province, we have received many interesting replies. One of the most encouraging features in connection with the work is the readiness with which the women of both the country and the town enter into the work of organization. In the majority of localities there is abundance of talent and when aggressive officers are in charge of the work in the different localities, programs of interest and value are usually given from month to month.

Orders for grants to all Institutes which have complied with the conditions have been passed, and cheques will be sent to the secretaries of such Institutes at an early date.

County conventions are likely to prove of considerable interest in the Institute work of the future. The

two which have been held, viz., at Flesherton and Preston, in Grey and Waterloo Counties respectively, have been well attended and the excellent papers prepared by local workers and the enthusiasm aroused cannot but produce beneficial results throughout the ridings concerned.

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Annual Meeting of American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers

The above Association held its twelfth annual meeting at Washington, D.C., last month. The attendance was quite up to the average of any preceding convention, and represented the different sections of the United States and Canada. Canadians were prominent both on the program and by the number present, including several Institute lecturers from Ontario, as well as President Croelman, Prof. Zavitz, and Superintendent Putnam. Mr. Bracken of Saskatchewan, Mr. Reid of Prince Edward, and Mr. G. A. Gigault of Quebec, represented their respective Provinces.

An important feature in connection with Institute work this year was the report of the standing committees. Six of these committees have been appointed as indicated below. Only brief statements are here given of their reports:

(a) INSTITUTE ORGANIZATION AND METHODS.—In whatever method is adopted there must be more or less responsibility thrown upon prominent persons in each locality where work is to be carried on. Some are of the opinion that the Institutes should form a branch of the College or Experimental Station work. The majority seem in favor, however, of keeping the two separate, but always have as much co-

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