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### REPORT OF WESTERN ONTARIO CONVENTION.

MRS. Edwards, Komoka, gave this report, but as it has already been printed in the Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine, we need not repeat it.

### REPORT OF EASTERN ONTARIO CONVENTION.

MISS Fowler read the report from Eastern Ontario.

The Convention at Ottawa had been a decided success. It had taken Eastern Ontario a long time to get warmed up because there were so many Scotch in that district and Scotch were hard to warm up but when once warmed stayed that way.

They had been fortunate in their speakers; busy men and women had made time to come and speak, and contact with those in the midst of things had been very helpful. Three speakers were old friends, Mrs. Shortt, who in her address of welcome touched the key note co-operation; Dr. MacMurchy; and Dr. Robertson, who made the delegates realize the food question as they never had before. Mrs. Muldrew's talk was on the same subject, telling what had to be done. Dr. Margaret Patterson's talk on "Red Cross" work had given great stimulus. Some of the Branch reports were out of the ordinary, especially that of the Conway, where the Government Bulletins, had been of great help.

Miss Fowler expressed the wish that the delegates to this Convention would take home the same inspiration as they had from theirs.

Mrs. Muldrew then spoke on the work in the West, especially in Alberta. She had been very much interested by the discussion which took place about schools. She asked them not to make the mistake of electing one woman as trustee; one would be swamped; "Put in two and then stand by them." Whenever the question of schools comes up there is a tendency to tell how well things are done in Ontario. She advised her hearers to have a "divine discontent." "Out in the West we borrow ideas from the United States, and so do they from us."

One idea borrowed was that home and school should be one, there should be no distinct cleavage. What they had done was this: "Credit was given in school for work done at home. In this way home acts on the school and school acts on the home." A book was kept and marks with how many hours work the child worked, the marks being given by mother and father, the time counted and degree of perfection noted. This helps to build up character, as the children are made responsible.

Until 1912 there were no organizations for women in connection with the Government. In that year a woman was appointed to organize Women's Institutes and there are now from 180 to 200, with an enrollment of eight thousand.

Isolation and loneliness are the greatest drawbacks to farm life in the West.

The asylums were full of men and women there from sheer loneliness. A friend had driven to the door of a ranch home and was surprised by the woman throwing her arms around her and weeping; she had not seen a woman for six months.

Country Women's Clubs are redirecting the whole life of the farm women.

In 1915 the United Farm Women's Association held their first Convention in a school-room in Olds; now they require a large auditorium in Edmonton or Calgary. They were in session on the passing of the "Franchise Act", and already Alberta has two women members of parliament. The same convention put through assistance for nursing women in the country, the loss of life in maternity cases having been very great through lack of accommodation.

We must get away from false political ideas. We are asking for better roads, good schools and medical inspection in the West. We are trying to overcome the menace of the mentally defective and must have a large building, which will cost one hundred thousand dollars. "We will get it too, though I don't know how," said the speaker.

"We want this: work, food, thrift," said Mrs. Muldrew. "Save and win the war." We don't know facts the food controllers know.

Have we done all we could? The women of New Zealand think Canadian