

# WOMEN'S SECTION

## British Columbia Women's Institutes

Motto—"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY"

### Hatzic Juniors Busy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hatzic Women's Institute was held on April 20th with a very fair attendance in spite of the bad weather. Mrs. Osborne of the Mission City Women's Institute gave a very interesting talk on "Canning Fruit and Vegetables," which is likely to prove helpful to many of the members. Mrs. W. Stratton demonstrated the making of her candy which took the prize last month. The junior members handed in the handsome sum of \$26.50 for use by the Patriotic committee, this being the result of their supper and dance on St. Patrick's day. The sum of \$7.00 made at the magic lantern lecture entertainment so kindly given by the Rev. D. J. Welsh, was voted towards the Prisoners of War Fund. After the adjournment tea and cake were served by the hostesses for the day.

### Upper Sumas Institute.

The Upper Sumas Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. M. Murphy, Huntingdon, on April 13th. After the usual business was transacted reports were heard from various committees and a school committee was elected for the present year. More wool was on hand and it was decided to give out work at one meeting and collect finished articles at the next, thus enabling them to send a package regularly each month. Several members took advantage of the privilege of obtaining a pair of socks to send direct to friends at the front, Mrs. Gordon donating an excellent pair. Mr. Skinner was unable to give in person his paper on "Beautifying Home Surroundings," but it was ably read by Mrs. Chadsey and very much appreciated. Two dollars and twenty-five cents was realized for Red Cross work from tea served by the hostess. Members present were: Mesdames Campbell, Gunn, Cobley, Murphy, Frazer, Yarwood, Everett, McMurphy, F. York, Munroe, Porter, T. York, Fadden, Skinner, Winson, Gordon, and Miss Elderkin. Visitors, Mrs. Chadsey and Miss Turnbull.

### Surrey Has Big Meeting.

Over one hundred people were present at the Surrey Institute meeting on April 4. Mrs. Davies, chairman of the advisory board addressed the gathering. She first congratulated the institute on the number of members now on the books, and recalled her first visit some four or five years ago, when the average attendance was only about half a dozen. She then spoke on the subject of Boys' and Girls' Clubs, when the department of agriculture is anxious to see organized in every rural district, and said the women's institutes were invited to assist in this work. The clubs are formed of ten or more boys and girls between the ages of ten and seventeen, who elect their own officers, but are supervised by an adult organizer. The clubs must enter for one or more of the following competitions: Potato growing, corn growing, pig or poultry raising. The department offers very generous prizes, and also sends judges at midsummer and again in the fall to score the exhibits.

### Vernon's Good Start.

The total membership to date, of the Vernon and District Women's Institute is 51, and the prospects are that this will be

largely increased in the near future. The movement has been somewhat slow in development here, but now that it is fairly launched everything indicates that the Vernon branch will be one of the most flourishing and useful of these institutions in the interior. A well-attended organization meeting was held last month at the Agricultural Hall of the Court House, with Mrs. Lipsett, of Summerland, a member of the advisory board, in charge. After an interesting and encouraging talk by Mrs. Lipsett, officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Price Ellison; 1st vice-president, Mrs. C. Marjoribanks; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. B. M. Richards; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Miller. Auditors: Miss Jessie Smith and Miss R. Stewart. Directors: Mesdames Ellison, Richards, Miller, Duncan and Marjoribanks. It was decided to hold the regular meetings of the institute on the first Saturday of each month, and a special meeting will be held on the afternoon of Saturday the 15th inst.

### Kelowna Women's Institute.

The Kelowna Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in the Board of Trade room, in April, when some sixty members were present. The meeting opened with the roll call, which was responded to by "My Pet Economy." This proved to be very amusing, but at the same time helpful and instructive. It is wonderful, the hundred and one little ways in which women endeavor to economize in their homes. If each individual practices all the economies mentioned, husbands will need to be grateful for the organization of such a helpful institute. The roll call was followed by an excellent paper by Mrs. Switzer. Her subject was "Are Our Household Supplies Pure?" which was followed by a discussion. A very appreciative musical number (pianoforte duet) was given by the Misses Jones. The collection taken on behalf of the institutes' adopted Prisoners of War, Private Chain, amounted to \$4.70. The latter part of the afternoon was spent in making arrangements for the flower show, which is to be held in August.

### Shawnigan and Cobble Hill.

Shawnigan and Cobble Hill Institute has decided that ten per cent of the institute's income shall be set aside annually to form the nucleus of a Friendly Help fund. The whole meeting reflected the active life of the institute; not the least evidence of this life being the merriment excited by the subject for the afternoon: "My Favorite Quotation and Why." Earnest and stimulating as were many quotations, others were full of fun, and showed the excellent capacity possessed for a good laugh. Votes were given for the best design submitted for the cover of one of the seventeen scrap books made by the children of Malahat and Cobble Hill schools since Christmas. These were awarded to Fiona Hearn, Mona Neff, and Maysie Christison.

### Cowichan Women's Institute.

The last meeting of the Cowichan Women's Institute was well attended and was featured by a display by the Cowichan Girl Guides and an instructive paper on the wild flowers of Cowichan by Miss Wilson. The president, Mrs. Backwood-Wileman, introduced the subject of industries for Cowichan and said that experiments and

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inquiries were being carried on in respect of jam-making and canning.

Mrs. Morten reported for the library committee that 135 volumes had been donated at the book tea. Application has been made for a provincial traveling library. Mrs. Rushton has consented to act as honorary librarian with assistants. The meeting decided that men might have the use of the books on payment of fifty cents yearly.

Mrs. Hayward reported that the Friendly Help committee had sent a box of clothing to Ladysmith and to Victoria, and two to St. Ann's besides giving help locally. She also said that during the past three months, the Red Cross committee had sent 3,514 articles to Vancouver and had collected some \$47 for the purchase of material.

### Bird House Competition.

The judging in the Summerland Women's Institute Birdhouse Competition was held recently. Each competitor brought his or her house to school that day, and it was quite an event for the young ornithologists. There were twelve in all put up for inspection, ten juniors and two seniors. This number was very good considering that the competition was only gotten under way just one month ago, and that the idea is new to most of the children here. The judges were Mrs. W. C. W. Fosbery and Mrs. Wm. Kerr, who awarded prizes as follows: Senior—1, Warren Gayton; 1, Joe Gayton. Juniors—1, Arthur Morgan; 2, Alan Estabrook. The other competitors were Jean Moore, Frank Dickinson, Joe McLachlan, Charles Tullett, Alastair Moore, Nicholas Solly, Eric Johnson and Campbell McAlpine.

### Cranbrook Institute.

At a Red Cross shower at the April meeting, the following was obtained: 27 pair

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