

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRINCIPAL.

EXTENSION COURSES

SCHOOL OF HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE

I. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. The Extension work carried on by the School of Household Science includes the work of the Quebec Women's Institutes, a certain number of short courses in local centres, judging at school and other rural fairs, and furnishing information on any Household Science matters to enquirers through correspondence and a loan library consisting of magazines, books, bulletins and clippings.
2. The Women's Institutes in Quebec were originated by the rural women themselves in 1911 at which time they appealed to Macdonald College to assist them in forming groups known as Homemakers Clubs. Assistance was given and the movement grew so rapidly that in 1913 a member was added to the staff of the School of Household Science to organize and direct these clubs and carry on any other Extension work undertaken by the School. Later the name of the clubs was changed to Women's Institutes to bring them into line with rural women's organizations in other provinces. The cost of this Extension work was originally met from the Federal grant under the Agricultural Instruction Act of 1913. When this expired in 1923 assistance for Agriculture was undertaken by the province, and a definite sum from the provincial grant was set aside by the late principal for Household Science Extension work.

The Institute work up to date has consisted of:-

- (a) Visits to individual Institutes.
- (b) Visits to County conventions.
- (c) Handling of the Provincial convention at Macdonald College.
- (d) Sending out mimeographed material to guide officers.
- (e) Sending out information as asked for.
- (f) Clipping magazines, etc. for information.
- (g) Sending out books from the School of Household Science Library.
- (h) Sending out gramophone records.
- (i) Preparation of instructional exhibits.
- (j) Delivery of lectures on a number of subjects.
- (k) Organization of exhibits for Canadian National Exhibition.
- (l) General Office Routine.

3. The Short Courses are given in local centres and consist of two to four days classes with teen-age girls. One of these courses is held in January, the others during the summer holidays. These have not always been under Institute

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of Macdonald
Budget
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