

School News

Report of Activities of the Audubon Society

The Audubon Society of Manitoba was formed the fifth of April, 1915. What has been done by this society in one year?

It is impossible to give the resultant of the work of a society such as this because one can't fix the exact worth to a person of an awakened interest in the things in nature. If we consider but one or two of its efforts it will be seen that the Audubon Society of Manitoba has more than justified its existence.

From time to time during the year, highly instructive and fascinating talks on the various features of Bird Life were given by Dr. Speechly of Pilot Mound, Mr. J. J. Golden, Mr. E. B. Dunlop, Mr. J. N. Gowanlock, Mr. Norman Criddle, Rev. J. W. Little and Rev. G. F. Salton. The value of such lectures by these men, who are recognized authorities, cannot be over estimated.

Directly after its formation the Audubon Society took steps to induce the school children to build Bird Homes. The Manual Training teachers and others took up this suggestion so promptly and effectively that before the school year of 1915 was completed, blue birds, wrens and purple martins had accepted these newly built homes and were rearing their young in safety. Who can measure the degree of joy and inspiration that comes to a boy when he sees that the very bird house (that he built so eagerly, then watched so hopefully) has been selected by a pair of birds in which to build their nest?

Last year saw the beginning—this year, so deep was the interest that about one thousand artistic, suitable bird boxes were made. Junior Audubon Societies were formed; here the children are taught not only to recognize each bird by sight and by its peculiar chirp and song, but they are encouraged to keep accurate records of our na-

tive birds, i.e., the return of each bird in the spring—the date of their last being seen in the autumn, etc.

The Audubon Society has arranged a definite outline of work for the coming year and all who desire to join will be made most welcome.

Florence E. Dodd.

Report of the Winnipeg Teachers' Club

The Winnipeg Women Teachers' Club held their third annual meeting on Monday, May 15th, in the Laura Secord School. The club has concentrated its efforts this year on Red Cross Work and Soldiers' Comforts, and as meetings for this work were held every Tuesday, there were only two regular meetings held. As a result, the chief interest of the meeting was the hearing of the reports of the Red Cross and Soldiers' Comfort work.

The treasurer's report showed receipts totalling \$1,390.73. This sum includes: from the Winnipeg Teachers' Association, \$300.00; from part proceeds of a concert held under the auspices of the Dickens Fellowship and the Women Teachers' Club, \$142.50; from the Principal Sparling School concert, \$30.00; from Mrs. Halpenny's tea, \$45.00; fees \$127.00, and special donations from the teachers, \$616.00. Of this amount \$1,151.91 has been spent on soldiers' comforts and Red Cross work.

The Red Cross committee reported that the following work had been done: 189 service shirts, 198 surgical shirts, 31 day shirts, 61 bed jackets, 15 dressing gowns, 3 hospital suits, 83 suits of pyjamas, 500 pairs of socks, 60 pairs bed socks, 10 pairs slippers, 81 personal property bags, 30 kit bags, 961 handkerchiefs, 637 face cloths, 315 towels, 19 scarfs, 19 pairs wristlets, 6 pairs pillow cases, 1 pair mitts, 6½ boxes of surgical dressings. This is not a complete statement of the year's work as there is considerable work outstanding, which will