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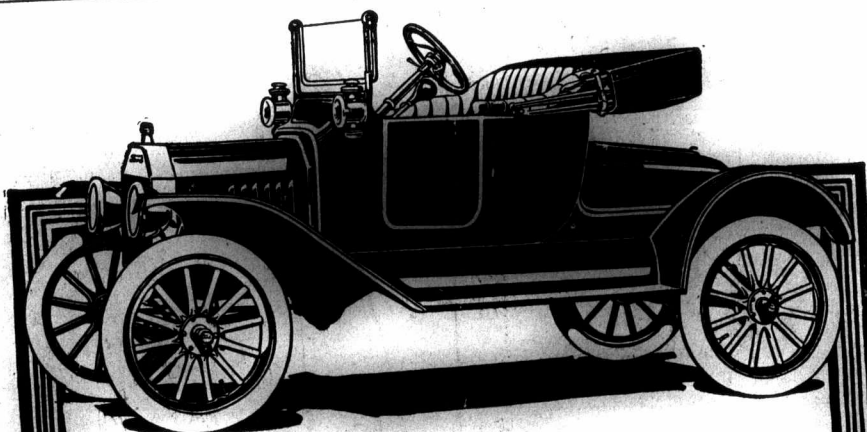
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All cheques should be marked.

N.B.—All team tags to be returned at once.

C. H. PRICE, License Inspector.

opening exercises followed.

The secretary-treasurer's financial report was as follows:

Donations to Red Cross	\$77.50
Donation to Sask. Hospital Unit	50.00
Soldiers' comforts	20.00
V. O. Nurses	26.50
	174.00
Total Expenses	114.60

Balance on hand 60.14

Twelve meetings were held during the year, with a membership of twenty-four. Election of officers then followed: President, Miss A. Kennedy; Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. M. Bastedo; Secretary-Treas., Mrs. K. Robertson; Directors, Mrs. A. Orton, Miss Warden and Mrs. J. Bird. Auditor, Mrs. G. Laliberte.

Mrs. K. Robertson read the report of the committee in charge of the whist drive, held on November 19. The report showed total receipts of \$20.20, expenses \$3.60, leaving a balance on hand of \$16.60.

A second item of their report was a request, from the village Choral Society asking that the homemakers accept the balance the Society had on hand to aid in buying equipment to establish a monthly or bi-monthly whist drive, the affair of the 19th being so much enjoyed.

The matter was thrown open for discussion and it was decided to give an order to M. Goulet for sixteen tables at the price quoted by him of \$20, the tables to be delivered before December 10, the date arranged for the next "drive."

Moved by Mrs. Orton, seconded by Mrs. Bird, that \$6.25 needed, to make up the balance to pay for the tables, be taken from the proceeds of the whist drive of November 19th, and the balance be sent to the Red Cross fund.—Carried.

The president then brought up the question of the Christmas tree. All were in favor of uniting with the school board in having a tree, the homemakers to be responsible for it and the school teacher, Miss Munsell, to take charge of the programme.

Moved by Mrs. Bird, seconded by Mrs. Orton, that we provide candies and nuts, and serve lunch of coffee and cake.—Car.

Mrs. K. Robertson, Mrs. Laliberte, and Mrs. H. Orton were appointed a committee for decorating the tree.

The 23rd of December was the date decided on for the tree and the programme to commence at 3.30 p.m.

Members joining for the coming year were as follows:—Mrs. J. Coulter, Miss A. Kennedy, Mrs. D. Fleming, Mrs. B. Bastedo, Mrs. D. Barry, Mrs. H. M. Bastedo, Miss J. Warden, Miss Mamie Warden, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. K. Robertson, Mrs. J. B. Skelton, Mrs. R. Brackenbury, Mrs. Louis Dion, Miss C. Munsell, Mrs. Orton, Miss H. Orton, Mrs. B. Dunn, Mrs. J. Bird, Mrs. Wittlauffer, Mrs. T. H. White and Mrs. Laliberte.

Miss Munsell invited the club to meet at her home for the January meeting.

An excellent lunch was then served by Mrs. Nelson to the enjoyment of all present, after which a happy social half hour was spent before adjournment.

(Mrs.) K. ROBERTSON,

Sec.-Treas.

AN ANCIENT TRADE

The trade of the farm exhorter is of ancient lineage. So, we are assured by our deep student of history, who reminds us so often that there is nothing new under the sun. He tells us, for example, that at the beginning of the Christian era, the great emperor Augustus Caesar, like Hon. Martin Burrell in our day, learned with alarm that the farms of Italy had been depopulated. There had been a boom in Rome, due it is said, to borrowing abroad for construction. It is not material, we are assured, that the foreigners of that time had yielded their wealth, not voluntarily, but forcibly, at the point of the broad-axe and the catapult. The economic effect in Rome was the same. A building boom of great magnitude set in. Labor was in great demand. Wages became so high that far and near men abandoned the primary industries and flocked in to enjoy the superior advantages of life in Rome. As a result, the seven hills were covered with palaces, playhouses, highways and aqueducts, the ruins of which excite our wonder to-day.

But the story runs on as familiarly as if it had happened yesterday, the boom came to an end, because the loans and tribute were exhausted, and the foreign lenders could not, or would not, lend more. That is, we suppose, Rome's credit failed. Then, the government

found at its door a mob of unemployed, many of them suffering keenly, but all indignant at the suggestion of a return to the land, who clamored for public works and employment. The government, being of delicate and refined feeling, was greatly distressed by the doctors, who reported that the children were growing up feeble minded, because they had no flavoring of Cassia in their olive oil.

Having imposed succession duties and a moderate tariff, in vain, Augustus took counsel with Maecenas and the leading fat men, who told him that farm production must be increased, and advised agricultural education to persuade the people that the bliss of country life exceeded all the attractions of the city. Virgil, who was the leading writer of the day, was commissioned to prepare a text book of agriculture, with suasion suitable to the public need. The result was the Georgics, which with a very few corrections, would take a high place among the agricultural text books of our day.—Weekly Sun.

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