

WOMEN'S SECTION

British Columbia Women's Institutes

Motto—"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY"

Surrey to Hold Flower Show.

The Surrey Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2, in the Municipal hall, Cloverdale, Mrs. Whiteley, president, in the chair. There was an attendance of 54.

It was decided to hold an institute flower show in the Cloverdale opera house on Thursday, August 3; the following ladies were appointed a flower show committee to take charge of all the preparations: Mrs. Jas. Loney, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. H. Hornby, Mrs. R. D. MacKenzie, Mrs. H. Tarves, Mrs. Molyneux, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Kirkwood, Mrs. Ed. Loney, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Jack Brown, Mrs. A. Boothroyd and Mrs. Croft.

The institute is now undertaking the preparation of two budgets of "News from Home" every month for the Surrey men at the front.

Mrs. Molyneux read an interesting paper on the life and writings of Pauline Johnson and Miss L. Davis and Mrs. Whiteley gave recipes for two toothsome dishes.

The meeting was served with refreshments and then adjourned to June 6 when Mr. S. Shannon of Cloverdale has promised to give an address on the subject of "Milk, Its Food Value and Its Care."

Fancy Dress Parade.

Under the auspices of the Women's Institute, of Burquitlam, a children's fancy dress parade and carnival was held on the grounds of the Agricultural hall, Austin road, on May 27. The proceeds were in aid of the Red Cross and other patriotic societies. The band of the 131st Battalion was in attendance while there was an exhibition of boy scout work, by the Chesterfield Boy Scouts, and folk dancing under the direction of Miss Cave-Browne-Cave.

Will Entertain Neighbors.

The Naramata Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting May 11. Roll call was responded to by the name of a play, playwright, or actor. Mrs. Carroll Aikens gave a most splendid paper on "Some Aspects of the Drama." Mrs. McGregor, of Penticton, was also a guest of the Institute. T. I. Williams had Current Events. During the afternoon plans were made for the "Rose Tea" which will be given on July 12th and our Institute will have as its guests the Summerland Women's Institute. The list of prizes for the fruit, flowers and vegetable show which will be held in October was read. Plans for this show will be taken up later. During the afternoon tea was served by the ladies. Mrs. Campbell, of Penticton, was also a guest of the institute on that afternoon.

Want Public Market.

At the general meeting of the Kalamalka Women's Institute twenty-one members were present and Mrs. Ball, a visiting member from Kelowna. Mrs. C. Brown read the resolution which had been drawn up by an appointed committee in connection with the open market in Vernon, urging the city council of Vernon, B. C. to use their influence in favor of the establishment of a country market in Vernon, one day in each week. It was also resolved that the Vernon Women's Institute, the Oyama Board of Trade, be asked to endorse this resolution and unite with the Institute in making re-

presentations in favor of a country market in Vernon, to the city council. After this business, the flower show proposition was discussed and voted for. A committee was appointed to draw up a programme and prize list for the flower show to be held on the first Thursday in August. The committee are Mrs. G. Moberly, Miss Irvine, Miss Heddlie, Mrs. A. Lloyd, Miss Lloyd. Tea was served and a social half hour enjoyed by the members.

INSTITUTE NOTES.

The Penticton Institute held its regular meeting on May 9 when there was a large attendance of members. Papers were read by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Cleland. Mrs. Rogers discussed current events and a recitation was given by Mrs. H. McGregor. The Cowichan Women's Institute has endorsed the memorial to the governor-general in council praying for the establishment of labor bureaus in Canada and recommended that the advisory board of the B. C. Institutes do likewise.

Hatzic Women's Institute.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hatzic Institute took place on May 18 with an attendance of 40 members, and a nice number of visitors from Hatzic. Mrs. Davies, secretary of the advisory board, was also a very welcome guest, and gave a very interesting address. A paper on bee culture, written by Mr. Couper, was read, and after the adjournment the afternoon finished with a short concert by Mrs. Saker and Mr. M. Clement Smith which was very much enjoyed by everybody. Tea and cake were then served by the hostesses for the day.

An Interesting Session.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute at Mission, B. C., took the form of an "at home to our husbands," the Farmers' Institute and their wives. The evening was spent with songs, recitations, a debate on the Oriental question, and an amusing satire on local politics, closing with refreshments.

To Celebrate Arbor Day.

The May meeting of Langley Women's Institute, which was held in the town hall, Langley Fort, and presided over by Mrs. J. Allan, was one of this year's most successful meetings, at least so far as attendance went. An offer from Mrs. McConkey, of New Westminster, to address the institute at some future date on the subject of "The Political Equality League," was accepted. The opinion is that Langley ladies are strongly in favor of the franchise being extended to the women, although they do not adopt the smashing tactics of Mrs. Pankhurst and her followers as a means of inducing mere men to grant them the vote.

It was decided that a directors' meeting be held two weeks previous to Arbor Day—the third Tuesday in June—for the purpose of having the arrangements for that day completed. The day's activities will include a "bee" for the further clearing of the school grounds, as well as a rose display, at which prize ribbons will be given, at Fort school, Main street. The institute ladies will provide lunch for the men who give their services at the "bee." A splendid

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address on "How Best to Protect Our Girls" was given by Mrs. H. Morrison, of "The Nilgiris," Church street.

There will be no regular meeting in June; the celebration of Arbor Day will take the place of the meeting of that month.

Big Cranbrook Meeting.

Sixty members were present at the Cranbrook Institute meeting in May. A letter of acknowledgement was read from the secretary of the I.O.D.E. thanking the institute in the warmest terms for the proceeds of the patriotic shower in April donated for the Red Cross purposes. Mrs. J. H. King, attended on behalf of the I.O.D.E., of which she is Regent, and after gratefully acknowledging the splendid efforts of the Institute members, gave some excellent advice with regard to the various bandages, etc., required by the Red Cross Headquarters. She showed how absolutely essential it was to have a uniformity of size to facilitate packing besides providing what is actually required by the medical department, and expressed her willingness to supply any details of exact measurements, cutting and making of articles, having on hand patterns and directions from headquarters. Socks, being so constantly needed, a motion was made that 18 pounds of wool be purchased for this purpose and members wishing to knit can procure the yarn from Mrs. Tisdale, Armstrong Avenue.

The feature of the afternoon was an excellent essay composed by Mrs. H. H. McClure of Wycliffe, entitled, "A Mother's Duty to Herself."

Subjects for discussion at the September convention were invited by the District Advisory Board and at the instance of Mrs. McFarlane it was decided to emphasize a movement for the betterment of laws for the women and children of the province of British Columbia.