

WOMEN'S SECTION

British Columbia Women's Institutes

Motto—"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY"

Give \$900 to Red Cross.

The West Saanich Women's Institute have sent \$900 to the Red Cross headquarters and at the weekly sewing meetings a great deal of work has been accomplished. The officers for 1916 are: President, Mrs. Parsell; vice-president, Mrs. E. Crocker; secretary, Mrs. R. Petch; treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Grey; Red Cross convenor, Mrs. R. Lindsay.

Willow Point Institute.

The council meeting of the Willow Point Women's Institute was held on January 11 in Crystal hall. In her address the president, Mrs. Gilroy, complimented the members on the progress made during the second year of the institute's existence. Much was owing to the kindness of the provincial government and Deputy Minister Scott and to the advisory board. She briefly reviewed the work of the past year. The committee on Red Cross work, library and market had all done excellent work; the flower show which would be an annual event in future, had been a great success and the members had had the privilege of attending a most interesting series of lectures on first aid provided by the provincial government. She dwelt upon the excellent work done in connection with the war, saying that other and large institutes confessed themselves inspired by it. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring directors and the secretary was passed. Mrs. Cross was re-elected secretary, and the following directors were elected: Mesdames Bayley, Campbell, Gilroy, P. Thompson and Townshend. From among them Mrs. Gilroy was chosen president and Mrs. Campbell vice-president.

Had Busy Year.

Shawnigan Institute during the past year sent over 4,000 garments and other articles to the Red Cross Society. There was collected from various sources over \$500 and travelling libraries for the use of members were installed at Cobble Hill and Shawnigan Lake, and children's libraries in the three schools of the district. Some of the other work of the year included the organization of several entertainments by the recreation committee in aid of the Red Cross and other good objects, for which forty-seven rehearsals were held; two successful flower shows, one for wild flowers collected by the school children and one for the members, besides many other useful undertakings. In addition to the passing, with applause, of hearty votes of thanks to the retiring officers, the members sent their warm thanks to Mrs. Hagan and Mr. Silverside at Cobble Hill, through whose generous kindness a delightful Christmas tree was given to all the children round, when the Women's Institute provided tea and arranged games for the little folk on December 29. The following ladies were elected directors for the year: President, Mrs. Frank Elford; vice-president, Mrs. Wingate-White; Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. Eardley Wilmot and Miss Eva Dann. Miss Alice Ravenhill was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and was presented by the members with a handsome suitcase, in token of their

affectionate appreciation of the services she had rendered to the institute since its organization.

Hatzic Elects Officers.

On Thursday, January 13, 1916, the annual meeting of the Hatzic Women's Institute was held in the Hatzic hall. Owing to the stormy weather the attendance was not so good as usual. After a very interesting valedictory address from the president, Mrs. Manson, and the reports from the secretary-treasurer and auditors had been read and accepted, the election of officers for the next year was proceeded with. Four directors were elected by ballot, and they, in turn, elected their president and other officers as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. Manson; president, Mrs. Richardson; first vice-president, Mrs. Henry; second vice-president, Mrs. Barr; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Fripp; auditors, Miss Ritchie and Miss McEwen.

Much Patriotic Work.

Fifty-five members attended the annual meeting of the Nelson and District Women's Institute. Considerable activity in patriotic work was reported by the secretary, Mrs. Hector McKenzie, including a linen shower held at the summer home of Mrs. G. A. Hunter, as a result of which several bales of linen for hospital work were turned over to the Red Cross Society; two cots in Clivedon hospital were endowed and money voted to their support; the members took charge of the refreshment booth at the rose show and netted \$45.05; the refreshment booth at the fall fair was also in charge of the members of the institute and the sum of \$229.75 was realized. Christmas hampers were sent to local soldiers at the front and a number of other individual and collective efforts were reported.

Tynehead Women's Institute.

At the annual meeting of the Tynehead Women's Institute, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Bothwell, president; Mrs. T. W. Atchison, secretary-treasurer. The directors for the year are Mrs. Charles Flumerfelt, Mrs. C. Richardson and Miss Olive Atchison. The financial report shows a balance on the right side, with receipts of \$95.92 and expenditures of \$85.65.

Mrs. J. M. Robinson has been elected president of the Naramata Institute.

The following are the officers of the Creston Women's institute for the year: President, Mrs. H. B. Downs; vice-president, Mrs. Henderson; directors, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. James Maxwell and Mrs. McKelvey.

Harrop Institute's new officers are: President, Mrs. R. Hill; vice-president, Mrs. C. D. Ogilvie; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Wilson; director, Mrs. W. J. McConnell. The receipts were \$191.15 for the year with expenditures of \$166.57.

The annual meeting of the Langley Fort Women's Institute was held in the Town hall on January 18, the following officers being elected: Mrs. James Allen, president; Mrs. Haldi, vice-president; Mrs. R. Rennie, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. C. Hope, director; Mrs. McLean, director; Mrs. Kent, librarian;

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