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Director's Report

Miss DeLury's report was especially encouraging this year. The year 1918 saw 15 new clubs organized, making now 180 live and well-working clubs. The year saw 49 of the clubs visited by a representative of the extension service. These visits were either in the manner of demonstrations or of lectures. Community work was shown to be much increased in its scope and endeavor. The short courses were more numerous and more generally well attended. Educational work had gone on apace, and indeed it was pointed out by Miss DeLury that it would be disastrous in the extreme if education were to be dropped from club work at this particular time. Medical inspection of school children has been more general in the past year than ever before, and it has been shown that this too is only a beginning along this line, and that the mothers of school children must not cease their work along health lines. Production and conservation had both been well looked after by Homemakers, and they were doing what they could to see that through no fault of theirs would there be a shortage of food for export overseas. This was being done too in many cases at great cost to the Homemakers for the shortage of labor was seriously reacting on the farm women. Miss DeLury reported that the 65 travelling libraries were still in use and that in addition 25 permanent community libraries had been sent out. Many of the Homemakers' clubs had taken up the work of making more sanitary conditions in the rural schools. Last year there were few sanitary drinking cups in schools while this year it is more or less general. The same held true of hot school lunches. Four clubs have been instrumental in having women among the school trustees. A considerable increase in the amount of money raised for war work was evidenced this year. Last year 109 clubs raised \$23,790 for patriotic purposes while this year the amount raised and reported to Miss DeLury was \$33,038. The number of articles made was 13,045. This wonderful achievement was made in spite of the fact that so many of the Homemakers worked through the Red Cross and other patriotic organizations.

Homemakers' Work Reviewed

Mrs. Driscoll later reviewed the work of the Homemakers' clubs since their organization. It was a brilliant idea, she said, that brought the Homemakers clubs in to existence in the year 1910. The speaker pointed out that while it has been a rather quiet and unassuming body to some people's way of thinking it has really been the leaven in making better and happier living conditions for the women of Saskatchewan. She too urged the women at the convention to send their children to the university, not only the boys but the girls, for it has been amply demonstrated that there is no sex in talent and no sex in endurance.

Dr. J. L. Hogg, who is a favorite with more than one convention, addressed the Homemakers on Thursday morning. He chose for his theme "The Child." Dr. Hogg has all his life been one of those teachers who are born, not made. His whole life and study has been devoted to the education of the little child. He had many good things to tell the Homemakers. He opened his address by saying that it was the most responsible task he had been assigned. When he talked to the Homemakers he knew he was talking to those persons who held the future of the country in their hands, for were they not the guardians of the little children who would one day be the citizens of the province and of the country. Dr. Hogg built his address around the two great things in the making of citizens. The first is that of achievement, the taking of a step alone, from the time

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Mrs. H. W. Dayton, of Virides, the president of the Home Economics societies of Manitoba, brought greetings from that organization. Mrs. Dayton told also of the recent National Council meeting held in Brantford. She has been able to achieve through its wide affiliation with so many national and provincial bodies. She told also of the work of the organization which she represented, the Home Economics Societies. Of particular interest was the co-operation between the society and the provincial board of health. The establishment of district nurses was only one way in which they co-operated. She urged that the Saskatchewan women similarly co-operate. Mrs. Dayton has visited the Saskatchewan conventions for the last number of years and is as much loved by the members of the sister organizations as by the members of her own. Her address each year is looked forward to with delight and pleasure by the Saskatchewan Homemakers. Professor Greenway superintendent of the extension service was also one of the convention speakers. Professor Greenway is always a favorite with the Homemakers. Miss May Glendennan, of the Farmer's Advocate, gave a helpful talk on the building up of a real community spirit. It might very well be said that the Homemakers' clubs were a potent force in the making of the world safe for democracy, as President Wilson has so ably expressed the ideals of the American people in entering the present war.

Business Session

A part of Thursday afternoon was given over to business. Among other things it was decided to affiliate with the National Council of Women. The Federation of Women's Institutes, Homemakers' Clubs and Home Economics Societies which has been under discussion in the various provinces for so long, was brought up for discussion at the Homemakers' Convention. It was, after a great deal of discussion, decided that when this step was about to be taken, Saskatchewan would unite with the other provinces. A new step was taken in the Homemakers' convention, when it was concluded that an advisory board for the purpose of co-operating with Miss DeLury, should be formed. This would be in the nature of a provincial executive with a president, a number of vice-presidents, and a secretary.

The officers elected to the advisory board which will co-operate with Miss DeLury in making convention arrangements are as follows: President, Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Davidson; first vice-president, Mrs. Coy. Grenfell; second vice-president, Mrs. Burrows, Regina; third vice-president, Mrs. Driscoll, Payson; fourth vice-president, Mrs. McLean, Nair; fifth vice-president, Thierman, Webb; secretary, Miss Edith Patrick, of the extension department.

FREIGHT RATE INCREASED

An increase of 25 per cent. on livestock freight rates became effective in the United States on June 25, affecting both interstate and intrastate traffic. This was in compliance with the recent sweeping order of the government. The rates were advanced 25 per cent. and all other rates later than 25 cents first class and 15 cents for other classes will be cancelled. The increase of 25 per cent. will apply also on commodity rates generally except the commodities of which there is a heavy movement, on which the advances will be made by adding certain amounts to all rates or by raising specifically the new rates which shall apply.

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