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What Women's Institutes Are Doing

THE Women's Institute is one of
the liveliest organizations in Can-
ada. The Women's Institutes
in Ontario have long been a power
for good. From the most remote rural
communities to our largest towns,
branches of the Women's Institute are
doing valuable work in the interests
of good home making and good citi-
zenship, and are fast becoming indis-
pensable. Mr. George A. Fetherston-
ham, who is superintendent of both Wo-
men's and Men's Institutes in Onta-
rio, has publicly admitted that "the
Women's Institute is the more pro-
gressive of the two, and is making
greater progress all over the prov-
ince."

The branches that have made the
most progress are in the small towns
and villages where people can get to-
gether easiest. In the case of vil-
lages, women from the farms around
frequently comprise a large percent-
age of the membership. The work
that these centrally located institutes
are doing now is but a forerunner of
the work that real rural Institutes
will be doing once they become gen-
erally established. Farm and Dairy re-
cently corresponded with the presi-
dents and secretaries of Institutes
that we knew were "doing things,"
and the reply received have thrown
much light on the line of work fol-
lowed.

Patriotic Labors

Much of the work this winter will
be of a patriotic nature. "When the
war broke out we decided to do away
with our regular program and work
for the soldiers," writes Mrs. A. D.
McArthur, president of the Morris-
burg W. I. in Dundas Co., Ont. "We
have followed the directions of the
Red Cross Society and have already
sent forward a substantial contribu-
tion of the articles required. We are
still meeting once a week and work-
ing for the Red Cross. This week we
are taking up a donation for the Bel-
gians, who are such dire straits. It
will consist of principally clothing.
Other work mentioned by Mrs. Mc-
Arthur that will be prosecuted by this
patriotic Institute is the running of a
Red Cross Lyceum course of four en-
tertainments the proceeds to go to the
patriotic fund.

At Gravenhurst the members of the
Women's Institute have a very ambi-
tious undertaking on their hands. It
is nothing less than an Institute
building, designed to give an even-
ing home to the homeless, and pro-
vide a centre for gymnasium classes,
literary meetings, and so forth. "We
call our building 'The People's Insti-
tute,'" writes Mrs. J. W. Abbey.
"This building has been free for
everyone for one year. Anyone may
use the phone, piano or sewing ma-
chine. A matron is employed who
lives right in the building, and it is
open from 9 a.m. until 10.30 p.m. Its
object is to provide a place for those
who have no homes to spend their
evenings. Entertainment was provid-
ed in the evenings in the form of lec-
tures; debates, science classes and
gymnasium. We do not yet know if it
will be possible to keep this building
open another year, but it has done
good work."

The Banner Institute of Halton
"For many years the Burlington
branch of the Women's Institute has
been the banner Institute of Halton
county," proudly writes Miss Ethel A.
Fowler, its secretary-treasurer. "It
is our ambition that it shall always be
first, and at present a membership
contest is being carried on. Two
sides have been formed and the one
which obtains the largest numbers of
new members within two months shall
be given a banquet by the losing side.
This contest affords lots of interest
and pleasure, besides enlarging the
society."

"For the past three years we have
been interested in improvements in
the public library," writes Miss Pow-
ler in connection with the work of
the Institute. "We have made the
rough plastered interior walls attrac-
tive by tinting the least worn, and
effecting minor improvements such as
frying window blinds and carpeting
the platform. The library board paid
all costs, over \$50. Our monthly
meetings are held in the reading
room of the library, and we are not
asked for rent. For our own conven-
ience and for that of a pleasure club
which uses the building in winter, we
have had two large cupboards and a
table placed in the basement. We also
have a coal oil stove, and intend buy-
ing some kitchen utensils."

"We try to have our meetings in-
teresting to everyone," concludes Miss
Fowler. "Above all, we aim to culti-
vate friendliness, especially with
strangers. We try to bring into our
society all newcomers to the town that
they may become acquainted and not
feel the loss of old friends."

For Better Citizenship

Another live Women's Institute is
that located at Port Credit.
"More especially we aim to foster bet-
ter citizenship," writes Miss Mary
Gates. "While not unmindful of edu-
cational and social problems, interest
has largely focused upon attempts
to improve the health and beauty of
our village, and at the same time to
further a sound community spirit in
all denominations and all or-
ganizations. We help to forward the
movement towards improved village
conditions."

Good work has been done at Port
Credit in keeping the village clean.
Feelings and waste paper, always an
eyesore and a nuisance, have been
done away with by providing special
dust bins for the street. The medi-
cal inspection of the school is a mat-
ter which the Institute has cooper-
ated. Their greatest achievement at pre-
sent is to establish a permanent dis-
trict nurse and money has already
been raised and promised for the ex-
penditure of one of the Victorian order
of nurses. An interesting source of
revenue for this cause was the cater-
ing for the Port Credit Bowling Club
tea on July 1st, and from which \$26
was realized.

Garden Interest Stimulated

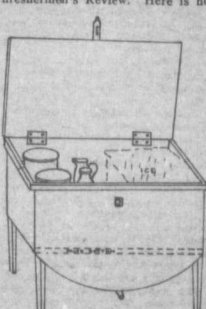
Another good line of work is de-
scribed by Miss Gates as follows:
"There are many charming gardens
in the neighborhood and many more
in the course of making. Local inter-
est is great in horticulture, and the
Women's Institute has played an im-
portant part for years in fostering
this interest. Flower shows are con-
tinually held, usually under the trees
on the lawns of private grounds of
great beauty. Two gold medals have
been donated and are open for com-
petition in classes for hardy, herbaceous
perennial flowers, and for col-
lections of vegetables grown by those
who employ only occasional help.
There were 125 entries for the last
show held in September, at which
additional classes were added for two
bronze medals offered for displays of
fruit, vegetables, flowers and potted
plants. These summer shows are en-
joyed by men as well as the wo-
men. In September the vegetable
classes were auctioned off for the ben-
efit of the Women's Patriotic League,
\$26 being raised for this object."

After all the greatest good that is
being accomplished by the Women's
Institute is not the actual work done,
but the supplying of a new ideal to
the women of our land. Particularly
in the rural districts do women need
to get together more and to have their
mind taken off their own problems
and the broader ideal that they are given

of community work and citizenship.
What better organization could we
have to effect this object than the
Women's Institute?

A Cobbled-up Refrigerator

Mrs. Robt. Smith, Brant Co., Ont.
A refrigerator that will not cost
too much and yet be efficient is one
of the things I have been looking
for a long time. In looking
through a recent issue of "The
Threshermen's Review and Power
Farming," I ran across a descrip-
tion of a "cobbled-up" ice chest that
I believe will answer my require-
ments nicely. The boys have prom-
ised to make it for me this winter
when other work is slack. In case
other housewives would like to ben-
efit by this "and" of mine I send
along a diagram and a description of
the refrigerator as it appeared in The
Threshermen's Review. Here is how



Callie Conway describes her ice
chest:

"How could I have a refrigerator
without spending \$15 to \$30 that I
did not have? That problem never
occupied my thoughts. Someone of
the family is in town at least twice
a week, so we could easily have ice
brought out, and the cost of the ice,
since we did our own salting, was
less than the town people paid. We
could save enough on food not allowed
to spoil to pay the cost of the ice.
I knew, too, that Laving ice would
save me time because I could cook
more food at 2 time and keep it un-
til needed."

"I searched the attic, cellar and
sheds for available material for a re-
frigerator. My most available asset
was a discarded worn-out
washing machine. I established this
in the cellar above the drain, which
carries away the drippings. As the
bottom of the machine was curved I
told it in boards to make a level base
bottom. On top of this the cake
of ice, covered with newspapers and a
piece of carpet. All around the ice
the food is set in covered vessels.
The working parts of the washer
are attached to the lid so I had Tom
remove it and hinge on a new lid of
old but fasten boards, with a clasp to
batten it shut. The washer has a
drain outlet and works well in its
new capacity. Our ice-box cost nothing
but labor."

How Pat Got Even

Pat was born in England working
with his coat off. There were two
Englishmen laboring on the same rail-
road, so they decided to have a joke
with the Irishman. They painted a
donkey's head on the back of Pat's
coat, and watched to see him put it
on. Pat, of course, saw the donkey's
head on his coat, and, turning to the
Englishmen, said, "Which of you
wiped yer face on me coat?"

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