

British Columbia Women's Institutes

Motto: "FOR HOME AND COUNTRY."

CENTRAL PARK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

With a large attendance of members present, the Central Park Woman's Institute held its regular monthly meeting in the Agricultural Hall, Central Park, Thursday, December 17th. Several members of the executive who recently visited the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster at the invitation of the management, gave an interesting report. Members from the various institutes have been invited to visit the hospital in order to bring before them the difficulties of financing the institution, and also that they may understand the best ways and means of giving assistance. In a letter, Mrs. Davies, Provincial President of Women's Institutes, suggested that a travelling library should be procured for the institute and schools in the neighborhood. The members decided that such a step was not necessary, as practically all the members could obtain books at the Carnegie Library. It was suggested that a committee should be formed to visit the schools in the district at least once a month to report on general conditions. The election of officers for 1915 will take place at the next monthly meeting.

DUNCAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

At the Women's Institute meeting held on Tuesday afternoon, the 8th inst., about fifty members were present with Mrs. Hayward in the chair.

The Friendly Help Committee reported twelve families on their list. A number of children need to be provided with winter clothing. An appeal was made for donations of cake, chickens, jam, fruit, toys, etc., for Christmas hampers to be sent out at Christmas. Most generous promises were made from those present.

Mr. Povah gave a short talk on business methods, advocating the teaching of honor and fair dealing in the home. Miss Rudkin, Miss Joan Palmer, Mrs. E. Price, Miss Morley and Mrs. Povah took part in the musical programme, after which tea was served.

LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Langley Women's Institute held its last meeting for the current year in the Town Hall, Langley Fort, on Tuesday afternoon, December 15, Mrs. Coulter, president, taking the chair.

A debate on "Whether Married Life Is Preferable to Single Life" was ably

led by Mrs. W. Brown and Miss Reid, the former taking the affirmative side and the latter the negative.

Each lady answered the roll call by naming a popular winter amusement.

Before the meeting adjourned, it was intimated that the annual general meeting would be held on the third Tuesday in January, when this year's business would be closed and the Institute re-organized for the coming year.

MATSQUI WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Matsqui Women's Institute held its last meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 9th, at the home of Mrs. Wright. Thirty members were present and a number of guests. The meeting decided to endorse the candidature of one of its members as School Trustee in the coming municipal elections, the popular opinion indicating as its choice Miss L. E. Cruickshank, president of the Institute.

It has been decided to apply for the Travelling Library furnished by the Government; also to send a donation of jams and jellies to Vancouver to be distributed to the needy through the Central Park W. I. The women were then entertained by a most interesting and instructive demonstration on decoration of cakes by Miss P. Sharp. After a social half hour the meeting adjourned to meet in January at the home of Mrs. A. O. Hougen.

PENTICTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

A very interesting meeting of the Penticton Women's Institute was held Tuesday afternoon, December 15, in Oddfellows' Hall. There was a very good attendance of members. Demonstrations of supper dishes were given by two of the ladies, Mrs. Burch and Mrs. White, and Mrs. Frank Richardson read a most instructive paper on "Electrical Aids in the Home." This paper was practically illustrated by J. J. Dunn, who explained the usefulness of numerous electrical devices in household work.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

There will be an Institute here at the first of the year; the inaugural meeting is booked for Thursday, January 7th.

Miss Alice Ravenhill had formed the ladies of the district into a Red Cross

Society, and also had formed classes for the study of first aid and home nursing. The work of the Women's Institute being laid before them, they decided to organize permanently as an Institute, and nearly 50 ladies have signed the application for an Institute.

The Canadian Red Cross Society has written that the quality and finish of the contributions from their society has attracted special praise and notice. The Institute shipment consisted of 250 articles, including 50 sleeping helmets, 50 body belts, 30 pairs socks, 30 pairs wristlets, 4 dozen flannel nightgales, 30 "helpless case" shirts, besides bed socks, slippers and covers for hot water bags.

Of these, the knitted articles were sent to the Willows Camp for the use of the 88th Fusiliers, and the Hospital contribution was sent to the Red Cross Society.

A further shipment of slippers and belts will be sent in a few days. At a recent concert in aid of the Red Cross Society the sum of \$87.00 was cleared.

SUMMERLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

A particularly interesting and pleasant meeting was that of the Summerland Women's Institute on Friday, December 4th. About 40 members were present with the president, Mrs. Hayes in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting, some correspondence and the roll call had been attended to, the meeting proceeded to the business of election of officers for the year 1915, and the following were appointed to the various responsibilities: President, Mrs. W. H. Hayes; vice-president, Mrs. Wellington Watson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. G. Morgan, by acclamation; directors, Mrs. R. M. Ross, Mrs. H. A. Solly, Mrs. George Gartrell, Mrs. Anguin and Mrs. M. Tait; visiting committee for town, Mrs. W. Limmer and Mrs. George Grav; for West Summerland, Mrs. H. A. Solly, Mrs. H. H. Elsey and Miss Campbell; for Trout Creek, Mrs. W. Verity and Miss Thornethwaite; for Upper Trout Creek, Mrs. G. J. Coulter White; for Peach Orchard, Mrs. Estabrook and Mrs. Williams. A paper on "A Woman's Public Duties," prepared and read by Mrs. S. Everton, was an outstanding feature of the meeting, and showed careful preparation and a knowledge of her subject. A paper on the subject of "Christmas Suggestion" was read by Mrs. R. C. Lipsett. This was written by a member of the