

The Woman's World



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Recent Reports From The Women's Institute

Gagetown. During the winter months, meetings were held at the home of the President, Mrs. H. Bridges, but now that summer is here, the meetings are held in a public hall. At the May meeting, Miss M. Weston read a paper entitled "Accidents will Happen" and at the June meeting, a paper was read from this Branch gave an account of the Convention. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Gloucester. The June report has already been sent to the Department and the dates must have had to work some as the report of the Convention was given at this meeting. The President, Mrs. D. H. Lamont, as well as the Secretary, sent very encouraging letters to the Department. The June meeting was held out of doors and after a general exchange of ideas on "How to prepare dinner without meat," and a discussion on a picnic later on, light refreshments were served.

Grand Falls. A very independent Institute. The city council offered to assist the Women's Institute of this place in building a Band Stand, but the members are very anxious to finance everything and at their May meeting, part of the time was devoted to the care of the Band Stand. Miss Bessie Fraser's paper on "Domestic Economy" led to an animated discussion on same by the members. Owing to the death of their president, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Pirie was elected to fill her office.

Grand Harbor, Grand Manan. At the May meeting a general discussion took place regarding proposed expenditure of funds for baseball diamond in Park. It was decided to devote \$15.00 to that purpose and work has already started. Mrs. W. L. Ingalls, the president, has many willing workers, there being a membership of thirty-one. Before bringing the May meeting to a close, Mrs. Gosline and Miss Iva Dakin demonstrated sandwiches and these were served with the tea, made by Mrs. I. L. Newton.

Greenwich. Our last report from this Branch shows that the meeting was held at the home of the president, Mrs. E. B. Jones. The study of an American author is taken up at each meeting. Recent papers include, "Rural School Houses," "Fresh Air in Cure and Prevention of Disease," and "Sanitation and Hygiene," the latter having been published a few weeks ago.

Hammondville and Markhamville. Fourteen members and three visitors were present at the May meeting. Much interest is being taken in the school and recently a paper was read on "What the Women's Institute might do to improve the school." Many original papers have been written by the members; some we have published and others we hope to publish in the near future. Mrs. Thomas Proctor is a very enthusiastic president and much of the success of the Institute is due to her untiring efforts.

Hartland. Owing to so much illness the Hartland Branch was not represented at the Annual Convention. We hope interest will not decrease because of this fact, but the work will ever go forward. On May 22nd, an Apron Parade was held, two new members joined the same evening. The subject for the evening was "Paper Bag Cooking" and as a member had used the paper bags, she brought one to the meeting with her and explained the use of them. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. H. Bradley, at the close of the meeting. Mrs. P. W. Boyer is the president of this Institute.

Havelock. As "Interesting the Girls in the Institute" was generally discussed by the Havelock members at the May meeting, and the same was reported last week in the Standard, we will give an account of the march meeting. The subjects include "Housecleaning," "Canning" and making of a "Biblical Cake." Mrs. Arthur W. Keith, the president, takes a keen interest in the work and is particularly anxious to get the young girls interested in the Institute.

Hillsborough. Mrs. Jordan Steeves president of the Hillsborough Institute, should feel proud of the talent in her Branch. The paper written by Mrs. C. W. Dobson on "The Duties and Opportunities of our Officers and Members" and read at the Convention, is a treasure and we trust when our Annual report is ready for publication, the Branches will carry out what Mrs. Dobson advocates. At the May meeting an article was read from the Canadian Ladies' Home Journal on "The Unfurling of the Fleur-de-lis in Canada." The varieties of flowers to be shown at their exhibit this fall were decided upon. This was followed by an interesting talk on Institute work in general.

Hoyt Station. The members of the Hoyt Station Institute will soon be losing their president, Mrs. Jas. Fielding, as in the near future she expects to return with her family to England to reside. Mrs. Fielding has proved a valuable president and the Department regret as much as the members her departure to other lands. This Branch has built a kitchen in the Agricultural Hall and another concert was held May 8th, to raise money to buy a cooking stove.

Lorneville. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm, who have ever taken a deep interest in Women's Institute work, have moved to St. John. At first it was feared this Branch would lose its president, but Mrs. Malcolm has kindly consented to take charge of the meetings during the summer months, and this has cheered the members considerably. Through Mrs. Malcolm, the Institute has obtained the book entitled "Notable Womanhood" and a chapter is read at

each meeting. The book is much enjoyed and the Lorneville Branch advises other Institutes to buy this book and devote part of each meeting to the reading of one or more chapters.

Lower Millstream. We were pleased to have the president of this Branch, Mrs. Berd. Lester, with us at the Convention. Subjects recently discussed include "Tomato Culture," "Strawberry Culture," "Prosperity of Canada and Memories of our Queen," "Value of Courtesy," "Opportunities and Responsibilities of Motherhood," and "Nutritive Value of Common Foods."

Millerton. Three ladies joined the Institute at the May meeting. Papers were read, the president, Mrs. T. C. Miller, taking as her subject, "Care of Poultry." This was followed by a paper entitled "Geese" and another on "Planting."

Newtown and Smith's Creek. No less than three delegates attended the Annual Meeting and we were pleased to see the president, Mrs. Arthur Campbell. The papers read at their monthly meetings have always been splendid ones, the recent ones being "Water on the Farm," "How to make the Old Home Convenient, Cheerful and Beautiful," and "How to become a successful Homemaker."

Oak Bay and Leveville. Better known as the Enterprise Institute. The president, Mrs. Eric Sawyer, has only missed one meeting since organization and that was because of illness in her home. Three excellent papers were read at the May meeting, when twenty-eight including members and visitors were present to hear, "Care and Feeding of Young Ducks," "How the Women Work Today and How They Used to Work Years Ago" and "Housecleaning."

Point de Bute. Mrs. Fred Robinson was another president who attended our Annual

Meeting. Subjects were chosen suitable for the month of May, including "Garden Hints," and "Weeds and How to Destroy Them." These important subjects were followed by papers on "How to make Home Happy" and "Current Events."

Port Elgin. The last report from Port Elgin shows that two new names have been added to the member-roll. Mrs. J. R. Taylor, president of the Institute, and Mrs. Medley Siddall, ex-president, gave reports of the Short Course held at Sussex. This Branch has drawn up a petition for the prohibition of cigarettes or cigarette material being imported into the province. This petition will be sent to all Institute members in our Province to sign and then be presented to the Provincial Government, asking that legislation be passed to prohibit the sale of cigarettes into New Brunswick be passed at the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

BENEFITS OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

This paper was written by Miss Lydia McFarland, a member of the Markhamville and Hammondville Branch of the Women's Institute. "For Home and Country," the motto adopted by the Women's Institute of New Brunswick, indicates the broad lines upon which the organization is established. That which makes directly for the betterment of home conditions must, sooner or later, exert an influence upon the national life. A cleaning house for homemakers' ideas, enables every person connected therewith to give and receive something of value, whether it be as wife, sister, mother or daughter. Most of the time, thought and strength of the majority of women are devoted either to planning, directing or performing the duties which face them every hour of the day, and in many cases on the night, after the work of the husband and brother is finished for

the day and largely forgotten. Man's duties are from sun to sun, but woman's work is never done. The woman in country places are thrown more upon their own resources than those living in towns and cities. They cannot go to the bakery for their bread and cakes, nor to the butcher for their daily supply of meat.

They also have more careful planning as regards the quantity of food and the time for which it is required than the person living in the town or city. And again the children in the rural districts depend more upon the mother for counsel and advice and the home for entertainment, than in the case in the homes of towns and cities.

A woman who is able to arrange a wholesome, appetizing menu from day to day, at a small cost, who plans her work that time, energy and food supplies are not wasted; who sees that the reading material that is furnished for the household is educational, entertaining and wholesome; who keeps an eye on the training of her

family and is able to meet her neighbors with a pleasant smile and words of cheer, is one of the class that should have the same advantages of thought and discussion of methods, as have been afforded to farmers for many years through the medium of the Farmers' Institutes.

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It was my pleasure during summer and fall to have the opportunity of attending the meetings of the Western New York and the Fruit Growers' Association. Meetings were full of inspiration and instruction and these few remarks were made with the hope that some suggestions there thrown out of some benefit to us. The country in the state and province are somewhat similar to our own. Growers are lacking similar to our own and their experience should be taken. Some of the facts fully and their enthusiasm as an inspiration to us. In some particulars we are their leaders and quite certain that had it not been for the opportunity they would have been a visit to our province. Summer meetings of the Fruit Growers' Association are of great value in that they give an opportunity for demonstration and inspection of the second day of the meeting was made in the orchards of the Niagara River and the South Shore of Lake Ontario. These orchards are well as leading centres and in the fruit the orchards of a number of leading growers are situated. These orchards were obtained by observation.

What impressed me most was the extent of the orchards country in the state and province. The thoroughness of their work. Though there are hundreds of orchards, thousands of acres of class lands are unplanted. Cider higher ridges along the Niagara River and the South Shore of Lake Ontario extends for miles. It resembles the North Shore of Lake Ontario which the fruit men of Ontario are justly proud. The extent of the orchards is a water is modifying. In this exception, however, the Ontario can boast of applying the North Shore of Lake Ontario. South Shore produce all fruits including the temperate zone.

Though cultivation seems to be the anchor of the growers, I have heard, some larger than any province of Quebec, where was perfectly free from weeds. I met a grower who had a hundred of weeds could be for an orchard of ten or more acres. Cultivation of course could not be so thorough, but the practice of cultivation is, as a whole, more thorough than ours. It was to me this way. Weeds are sure, weeds take plant food produce seeds that spread to den. We need all the plant all the moisture we can get. Through cultivation is checked very heavy dressings of Cultivation with humus from locked up in our clay soils conserves the moisture that essay before the food can use of by the roots.

All their methods are more alive than ours. The men are fruit as a business. A fall fruit crop means no or small for the year. The outlay is a large return must be made. All expenses are paid. A large quantity of fruit throughout the state medium to low prices. That the cost of production is considered. A large quantity of cheaply and marketed cheaply seems to be the aim. In the business the fruit is marketed the fruit on a large cheaply as possible. I did not single complaint about overton. The spirit is all in a large orchard, use up to methods and methods, and with an acre or two with a cultivator.

Three other questions that stand out prominently labor, (2) transportation, (3) (1) Labor is required quantity during the pickling. The conditions are not the best. Hundreds of laborers are needed for a short season only. Must be marketed, especially for fruits, in a few weeks, and of the apples must be put in the market. The large cities, and New York, have men out of work, and an effort is being made to get these and such other desire a change and count on a few weeks, to come to the tract during the rush season. The railways are co-operating growers and offering the rates possible. Sometimes not sufficient money to carry of the city, but he must have the necessary fare. The advanced by the grower who from his wages. The man required to work certain time, the same as are our laborers, before a return is granted at the reduced rate. The problem of transportation is as complicated there as we are sometimes inclined to complain and protest. Doors of the railway employment officials. But if what I have heard at different times I believe the railways are as the growers to have the delivered quickly and in first dition. Ordinary cars are unavailable, but refrigerator not so plentiful. To get in the disposal of the grower, is the aim. The railway York Central—responded an increase was granted. On are anxious to give satisfaction means money to them to do is a problem that is at present outstanding in our province. In the province to the west it is hoped that we may face it seriously.

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