

## The Canadian Women's Press Club

MRS. EWAN MACDONALD (L. M. Montgomery) is at work on a new story, which is to continue The Story-Book Girl.

MRS. ISABEL ECCLESTONE MAC-KAY is also writing a new book; and Mrs. D. C. MacGregor (Marian Keith) has one in preparation.

A CHRISTMAS story with the true flavour of the Canadian prairie is "The Horse that Educated the Children," written by Mrs. A. Lyon Sharman, president of the Winnipeg Branch. It has been published in pamphlet form.

MRS. M. L. FAIRBAIN went down to Ottawa for the opening of the Royal Canadian Academy in the last of November.

A POEM, "Madelaine de Verecheres, a Heroine of Canada," by Mrs. Charlotte C. Talcott, appeared in the Mail and Empire of December 24. Mrs. Talcott has been lecturing very successfully on her travels in the East, one of her subjects being "The Levant." A lecture on this topic was delivered in Brockville.

AN effort, in which Mrs. Emily Ferguson Murphy, president of the Edmonton Branch, is prime mover, is being made for the preservation and restora-

Patriarche responded. Miss Cora Hind proposed "What is sure to come true," Miss Beynon replying. Mrs. F. Graham and Mrs. Stavert paid tribute to "Our friends in need," and Mrs. C. P. Walker and Miss Boardman did honour to "Our brother pencil-pushers." Mrs. Livesay's contribution to the evening was a poem, "Little Old Christmas."

A special feature of the evening was the issue of "The Try Yearly," a witty up-to-date newspaper, with a sworn circulation of one, and a charter that permits only one issue a year. Mrs. R. C. Skinner is city editor.

Miss Barbara Wylie was the guest of the Winnipeg club in December, when she spoke on the Relation of Economic Conditions to Woman Suffrage.

UNDER the pen name of "Hester Hope," Mrs. Slipper, of Port Arthur is doing free lance work for the newspapers of the twin cities after fifteen years of journalistic work on the staff of a local paper.

THE new members who are enrolled in the club this month are as follows: Miss Edna Brown, of Vancouver, on the staff of the Vancouver News-Advertiser; Miss Kate Hawes Miles, of Regina, contributor to Rod and Gun, National Sportsman, Canadian Home Journal and Canadian Courier; Miss Edna Reynolds, editor of the social page of



The Annual Christmas Dinner of the Winnipeg Women's Press Club, Held in Their Club Room, December 31, 1912.

tion of the buildings known as Fort Edmonton, which occupy a site on Parliament Hill, Edmonton. This fort dates back to a time prior to 1805, and has for some reason borne the title, "The last house in the world." The matter of preserving and restoring the fort is to be brought before the Alberta Provincial Legislature at the spring session.

AN operetta, entitled "The Courtship of Canada," which was presented on New Year's Day in Port Arthur, is the work of Mrs. F. S. Knight of that city. A sketch of the Port Arthur and Fort William Branch of the C.W.P.C. recently appeared in the Port Arthur News, summing up their achievements and reviewing the guests they have entertained. The latest of these is Miss Binnie-Clark, of Qu'Appelle.

THE Calgary Branch of the C.W.P.C. last month entertained Mrs. Mary Riter Hamilton, the artist, who has been holding an exhibition of her paintings. The entertainment took the form of a matinee party, followed by afternoon tea at the Rathskellar.

MISS SARA STAFFORD, President of the Port Arthur and Thunder Bay Branch of the C.W.P.C., was nominated by the women of Port Arthur for the Board of Education.

THE annual Christmas dinner of the Winnipeg Branch was held on December 31, when Mrs. Sharman proposed the toast to the King. Mrs. McClung followed with "What we do expect and what we don't expect," to which Mrs.

the Hamilton Spectator; Miss Zella Richardson, of Calgary, contributor to Farm and Ranch Review, Farmers' Advocate, the Trained Nurse; Miss Margaret Stewart, of Calgary, contributor to Farm and Ranch Review; Miss Mary Josephine Trotter, of Toronto, on the staff of The Canadian Courier.

AS a memorial to Florence Lediard (Mrs. Ernest Clutton), the Winnipeg Branch has decided to have a picture of her for their club room. The question of a memorial in which the whole C.W.P.C. can take part, is also under discussion.

MRS. RUTTAN, of Woodstock, and Miss Cora Hind, of Winnipeg, were two of the December guests entertained at tea at the club room by the executive of the Toronto Branch.

MISS JEAN GRAHAM, of Saturday Night, gave an address at the McMaster Alumnae luncheon in November on "Women in Journalism," answering the questions: How does a woman get into journalism? What does she do when there? and What use is she? In answer to the first question, Miss Graham dispelled the idea that getting into journalism depends on influence alone. Two essentials of success in journalism, Miss Graham declared, were a good education and ability to handle the English language. But "the primary requisite is what is known as the 'news instinct.'" Miss Graham spoke also of the power of the press, and the advantage that it is to philanthropic work and public morals in general to have women in newspaper work.

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