

the Women's Institutes in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, in sounding the needs of the communities with respect to nursing homes, and she had found that the scheme in general fitted in well with the local conditions all through the west.

Rural Recreations.

Mrs. Graves treated the subject, "Recreations for Young People in Rural Districts," broadly, emphasizing throughout the importance of the rural school as a social centre, and diversity of recreation in order to prevent over-indulgence in any one form of pleasure. The impulse to play was as natural and normal as the desire to eat. In the rural districts the worst problem was to find a common playground, where young and old could meet in a social way at the end of the day.

In order to make recreation in the country more ideal the programme of farm work must be re-arranged to allow reasonable time for such. The country school was the logical nucleus of the social life of rural communities, yet most rural schools were quite inadequate to serve as social centres. There should be well equipped playgrounds, tennis courts, gymnasia apparatus; if possible, a swimming-pool. Co-operation was needed in the rural communities—co-operation between the settlers, and co-operation between the school and the home, the teacher and the pupils, the parents and the taxpayers. The school house belonged to the people. It should not be closed up.

Speaking of the character of the social activities which might be carried on in a central hall, Mrs. Graves recommended the organization of social evenings opening with musical and dramatic entertainment perhaps, closing with dancing. The last was the most popular form of recreation; she advocated the combination of the other two to give balance. The school house should also be made the lending centre for a district library.

A message of regret from Miss Crease at her inability to attend the proceedings of the conference was read, and votes of thanks were passed to the following before the National Anthem brought the afternoon session to a close:

To the department of agriculture for use of their hall and for much valuable assistance given; to the superintendent of institutes, W. E. Scott, who had been present and had also given much time in helping with the work; to the secretary of the department of agriculture, W. J. Bonavia; to Westley Newton of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association, for the admirable exhibit arranged; to the speakers, for excellent papers; to the Red Cross Society, for the invitation extended to visit their rooms; to W. Ross Sutherland; to the Y. W. C. A. for courtesies extended; to the Alexandra club, and others.

W. E. Scott, at the conclusion of the applause, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Miss Ravenhill, stating that he had never seen a conference conducted along more business-like lines than that just about to draw to a close.

HATZIC.

Hatzic Women's Institute met on September 16. The report of the conference held in Chilliwack in August was given by the delegate, Miss B. A. Ritchie. Miss Ritchie gave a very interesting and full report.

Hatzic members are enthusiastic over the patriotic work. A garden party was held in August and \$25.50 was raised and immediately spent for yarn for socks. One

of the members will give an afternoon tea on September 22 to raise more money for material to make up.

Miss Scharley P. Wright of New Westminster attended the September meeting and gave a very interesting talk on her work in the schools. She also told something of the work of the Columbian Hospital and stated that any good stuff in the neighborhood should not be allowed to go to waste because it could be used in the hospital to good advantage. The members planned to send fruit and vegetables in the near future.

ROBSON.

At the meeting of the Robson Farmers' Institute Sept. 2 a communication was read from the Slocan-Kootenay Farmers' Exchange inviting the co-operation of the local institute. It was decided to appoint a special committee to go fully into the matter and report at a subsequent meeting. The committee consists of Dr. A. P. McDiarmid, Gordon R. Brown and A. D. Clyde.

Complaints being made that horses landed from the lake steamers were tethered over night in the freight dock to the detriment of merchandise, it was decided to place tie rails at both ends of the dock.

The matter of summer pruning was discussed and it was considered advisable to negotiate for the services for a day of a member of the staff of the provincial horticulturists.

HARROP.

The Women's Institute met Wednesday. A report of the conference in Nelson was read by Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Ogilvie explained to the institute members her method of canning fish and vegetables. It was decided to purchase material for day shirts and socks and more wool for knitting socks.

Miss Steel will visit the institute next month and lecture on hygienics and nursing.

Mrs. Porter and Mrs. J. Mackereth served tea. The next meeting will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Ogilvie.

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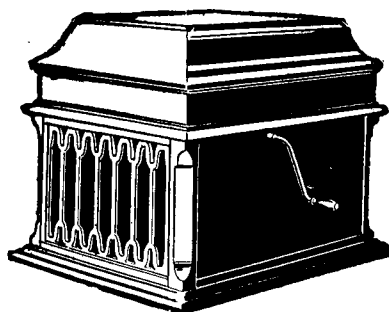
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