

# WOMEN'S SECTION

## British Columbia Women's Institutes

Motto—"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY"

### A Wild Flower Show.

The second annual Young People's Wild Flower Show in connection with the Shawinigan and Cobble Hill Women's Institute, was held in the S. L. A. A. Hall, Shawinigan Lake during June and was favored by a beautiful afternoon, which no doubt contributed to the very satisfactory attendance. Quite a large representation of members of the institute and their families came from Cobble Hill, as well as from round the lake.

The Rev. R. Connell and Miss Crease, of Victoria, once again came to act as judges, a kindness much appreciated by the directors of the Institute, for their extensive knowledge of the wild flora of this province gives them unusual qualifications. Unfortunately, the number of exhibits was much less than last year; the junior classes were well supported and the two competing schools won high praise for the excellence of their exhibits, but evidence of interest among the young people over thirteen was sadly lacking.

The prize for the best "Fifteen Specimens of Wild Flowers, named" collected by children under 13, was awarded to Douglas Roney, Olive Wilkinson gaining honorable mention. There was no entry in the corresponding class "Twenty Specimens of Wild Flowers, named" for young people over 13. Teddy Roney won the prize for the "Best Bouquet of Wild Flowers, tied"; Maysie Christison receiving honorable mention.

Miss Cicely Twist gained the prize for the best arrangement of wild flowers for table decoration; Hazel Lamont securing honorable mention while the Malahat school swept the board of prizes in the five classes open to school competition; fresh and dried wild flowers; native foliage and shrubs; ferns, mosses and lichens; and complete wild flower plants; though a special prize was awarded to the Cobble Hill exhibit of dried wild flowers, for its excellence; and the judges unhesitatingly accorded to the remainder of its exhibits the recognition of honorable mention.

The prizes, which were kindly distributed by Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, president of the Cowichan Women's Institute, consisted of handsome and suitable books, presented by the department of agriculture, the president, vice-president and directors of the institute, Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, Mrs. Clarke and others. Some vocal and instrumental music, kindly contributed by Miss Alexander and Miss Isabel Clarke, a pretty gavotte, danced by a quartette of girls from Cobble Hill, and the witches dance, repeated by request by the Shawinigan girls, added to the attractions of the afternoon.

All the children present, over fifty in number, were entertained to tea by the Women's Institute, thanks to the generous provision made by the members; for their seniors a first rate tea was served at 10 cents a head; but, perhaps a stronger attraction existed in the ice cream stall, of which the profits, amounting to nearly \$12, were devoted to the Red Cross fund.

### Women's Legal Rights.

At the last meeting of the Salmon River Valley Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. Brown, the subject chosen for dis-

cussion was "The Laws of B. C. in Relation to Women and Children." Mrs. Andrews read a very interesting paper that dealt very thoroughly with the matter. At the close of the debate it was moved by Mrs. Andrews, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, "That the Farmers' Institute in the valley be asked to co-operate with us in our efforts to have the laws of B. C. relating to women and children revised."—Carried. The president, Mrs. Tweedale, asked Mrs. Andrews to present her paper, or read it, at a meeting of each of the Farmers' Institutes in the valley.

### Preparing for Flower Show.

The Hatzic rose and flower show, which will be held on June 23, promises to be a record one this year, the prize list being a very extensive one. In the roses class there will be eight sections. The peonies class and the many other classes which make up an excellent list. The flower show committee is: Mrs. T. Catherwood, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Dann, Mrs. Noble, Miss Hodgson, Mrs. McTaggart and Secretary Mrs. Fripp.

### Kelowna Institute.

At a general meeting on May 31 twenty members were present and roll call was answered by apt quotations. Business arising from minutes—Supervision of school children in noon hour to be left until new school is built. Suggested topics for conference—"That Rural Institutes should raise a scholarship fund to assist any deserving child through their High School course from their own respective districts. Mrs. Moberly read the programme for the Flower Show on the first Thursday in August. This was accepted and Miss M. Lloyd nominated assistant secretary for the flower show. The children's work has been made a specialty in the programme and money was collected amongst members for their prizes. The adult prizes will be diplomas of merit. It is the feeling that except for the children, no prize money can be spared in these strenuous times of warfare, all such monies being needed rather for the Red Cross purposes. The Red Cross report was read by Miss G. Heddle. Miss Frances read a request for help for the injured and disabled soldiers and sailors which will be considered with other matters later on. Mrs. C. Brown read a paper, or rather gave a delightful lecture on vegetarian diet and made a very interesting half hour, also giving a few simple recipes. A vote of thanks was then tendered Mrs. Brown for her lecture. Junior members acted as hostesses for the afternoon, and a more pleasant time and daintier repast could not have been wished for. The programme for the Flower Show will be printed immediately and distributed.

### Discontinue for Summer.

At the Harrop Farmers' Institute Saturday evening they decided to discontinue their regular meetings for the summer. The secretary was instructed to get berry pickers for the season. The members recently formed "bee" on Friday, to make further improvements on the picnic grounds.

### Cobble Hill Institute.

A very successful entertainment and dance was organized by the Shawinigan and

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Cobble Hill Women's Institute on Empire Day, of which the proceeds promise a substantial addition to the Red Cross Funds. The attendance was considerably larger than had been hoped for, and all went away well satisfied with the excellent programme provided. The first item was a reproduction of Bernard Partridge's famous cartoon in Punch, "Canada—Ypres, April 22nd to 24th, 1915." Douglas Elford posed admirably, and Mr. Cheeke recited with great effect the lines in memory of those who fell in the First Contingent, composed when the memorial to their memory was unveiled at Salisbury last winter.

### Assistance for Flower Shows.

The minister of agriculture has sanctioned the following expenditures by his department in connection with assistance to flower shows given by women's institutes in the province this year:

(1). A per capita grant of 25 cents in addition to the grant made under the authority of the Agricultural Act, 1915, will be given to institutes holding flower shows or an exhibition of women's work, or a combined flower show and such exhibition, in your own district.

(2). Prizes will be offered for competition at such shows for collections of bulbs, sweet-peas, roses, dahlias, and perennials, or other varieties as may be decided by the institute, the prizes to consist of books awarded by the department as follows. Adults, first and second prizes; juveniles, three prizes.

### Cowichan Women's Institute.

The members of Cowichan Women's Institute were treated to a practical demonstration of how to make a good layer cake at their June meeting. Mrs. C. H. Dickie went very thoroughly into the details of the delicacies for which she is justly famed.