

# WOMEN'S SECTION

## British Columbia Women's Institutes

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### HAZELMERE NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon, March 15, the president, Mrs. Tucker in the chair. Correspondence was read from W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture; the Red Cross in Toronto, Vancouver and White Rock; Mrs. Davies of Chilliwack; Surrey School Board, Surrey Gazette and others. The programme for the year was compiled and it was decided to have it printed in the same form as last year. It was decided to have a "junk collection" during the Easter holidays, and prizes will be awarded the boy and girl (pupils of Hall's Prairie school) who bring in the largest collection.

A quantity of yarn and a number of hospital shirts and pyjama suits were given out. The anniversary meeting and quilt drawing in April were discussed, and it is expected prominent Red Cross workers from Vancouver will deliver addresses.

### LANGLEY FORT W. I.

The Langley Fort Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 20, Mrs. D. M. Coulter, president, in the chair. The attendance was all that could be expected and showed the interest felt in the W. I., as the weather was very inclement.

### TYNEHEAD NEWS

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the home of Mrs. Bothwell, eleven members being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, after which the socks were handed in, over twenty pairs having been knitted by the members since the year began. Some money had also been collected for yarn and handed in, but the snow and state of the roads prevented the members from getting around to collect. More yarn is to be bought and more socks knitted. More money for this purpose will also be needed. After some discussion regarding ways and means to secure enough money to furnish one bed for the wounded soldiers it was decided to let the girls belonging to the News Club take this matter up, the Women's Institute to give them \$5 to begin with, and also to help them in every way possible. Arrangements were made for Mrs. Chalmers's visit. She is to lecture in the public hall here on the 28th and 29th inst., afternoon and evening sessions both days. Subjects: Home Gardening, Live Stock, Soils and Crops and Home Canning. The public are cordially invited to attend these lectures, which are free. Miss Olive Atcheson sang a solo, after which dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Rothwell. The next meeting will be held on the 11th of April in the public hall, the News Club to furnish refreshments, charging each member ten cents, which will be one small way of raising funds. Several interesting letters have been received from the soldier boys overseas.

On Monday, March 12, an Art and Industry club was formed in connection with the Cowichan Womens Institute, for the encouragement of home industries, such as jams, preserves, woodcraft and art work.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. A. Burchett; vice-presidents, Mrs. Blackwood-Wieman and Mrs. Leather; committee, Mrs. Burchett, Mrs. W. Morten, Mrs. Whidden, Mrs. Barnett, Miss Wylie, Mr. A. J. Hook, Mr. Parry, Mr. H. Chambers; honorary secretary, Mrs. Macdonald.

### HUNTINGDON NEWS

The Upper Sumas Women's Institute met at the house of Mrs. Fraser York in Huntingdon on March 8. There were present Mesdames Campbell, Copley, Fraser, Hart, McMurphy, Murphy, Porter, Purvis, Skinner, Tully, Winson, Fraser York, T. F. York; also two visitors, Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Bernard.

Mrs. Porter reported sending to the Red Cross Society at New Westminster nineteen pairs socks, ten suits pyjamas, one pair pillow cases, two towels. More work was received and given out. Five pairs of socks were sent by individual members to friends at the front. Subscriptions to the Red Cross fund were received from Mr. Fooks, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Porter. Ten cents was found in the P. O. box. Mrs. Hart reported sending \$5 to the prisoners of war fund, and a letter was read concerning the restrictions on the sending of private parcels. It was moved by Mrs. Campbell, and carried, that a dollar be sent for a special parcel to go to Mr. Munroe, formerly minister at Whatcom road; also a pair of socks to be enclosed.

Mrs. T. F. York reported that Miss Henry had arranged an "increased production" scheme for her pupils at Whatcom road school. Miss Henry is giving each pupil a dollar, which is to be spent on seed, eggs for setting, or live stock, and the resultant produce is to be sold in the fall for some charitable purpose.

A letter was read from Miss Hill asking if any farmers' wives were willing to take city children as boarders during the summer. It was decided to put a notice in the post office, asking any ladies willing to do so to write direct to Miss Hill, at the City Hall, Vancouver.

Mrs. Chalmers' letter telling of the duration of the lectures on the various subjects on which she was to speak was read, and it was decided to hold afternoon meetings on Monday and Tuesday at 2:30.

Members are reminded that all women desirous of voting in provincial elections must register before April 1. A most interesting paper on "Canadian Women of Note" was read by Mrs. Campbell. On adjournment dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. A collection for prisoners of war amounted to \$1.60, and for the Y. M. C. A., \$1.90.

Mrs. Chalmers was engaged as lecturer for the 1917 spring itinerary of the Women's Institutes, and special meetings of the Upper Sumas Institute were held at the Alexandria rooms on March 12 and 13, at 2:30 p.m. each day, at which Mrs. Chalmers spoke. The subjects on Monday were: Soils and Crops, Poultry and Farm Animals. There were present six members: Mesdames Cameron, Campbell, Fraser, Murphy, Winson, T. F. York; also six visitors, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Owens, Miss Murphy and Messrs. Cox, Murphy and Winson. Stormy weather

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prevented a larger attendance. The subjects of the lectures were treated in a most interesting manner, and many questions showed the audience's appreciation. On Tuesday afternoon better weather conditions prevailed and thirteen members and four visitors were present. Mesdames Bebe, Cameron Campbell, Fraser, McGillivray, McMurphy, Murphy, Porter, Skinner, Winson Fraser York T. F. York and Miss Henry were the members; Mesdames Cox, Owens, Ira Serl and Mr. Winson were the visitors. The subjects were "Home Canning" and "Home Gardens", and aroused much interest; many valuable recipes were given and all greatly enjoyed Mrs. Chalmers lectures.