

# MRS. L. P. D. TILLEY CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting of The Women's Canadian Club Held Last Evening

Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, who has held the office of president of the Women's Canadian Club with the utmost success during the last five years of strenuous endeavour, was accorded a most hearty vote of appreciation on her retirement from office at the annual meeting of the club held last night in the Natural History Society's rooms. Votes of appreciation were also extended Miss Ethel Jarvis, retiring secretary, and Miss C. O. McGivern, who was re-elected treasurer by acclamation. Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley's election to the office of president was unanimous. Mrs. Tilley thanked the club, in a gracious speech, for the honor it had conferred upon her, saying that she would endeavour to do her best to further its interests.

Mrs. Kuhring presided at the meeting, which was one of exceptional interest and showed that the club is as full of energy and enthusiasm as ever.

Miss Jarvis in submitting her annual report said that the past year had been a most gratifying one from the advancement of the club and 100 new members had been enrolled. She closed her fifth and last annual report as secretary with an original poem which expressed most beautifully the sentiments with which the club, having fought a good fight in times of war, now looks forward to taking leading place in obeying the call of Empire work.

Miss McGivern, as treasurer, reported total receipts of \$2,283.74, expenditures amounting to \$2,129.64, and a balance on hand of \$154.10. A special contribution of \$5 was handed in by Mrs. George McAvilly as an appreciation of a privilege the club had extended her.

Mrs. H. A. Powell reported on the Soldiers' Club work telling of its amalgamation with the Red Triangle. She explained how the club's furniture from the Red Triangle had been disposed of, some being given the V. A. D's, and the remainder being given the Y. M. C. A. to use at summer camps on the understanding that if the club wanted it returned it would be given back.

New members received were: Mrs. Chesley, Mrs. A. P. O'Neill, Mrs. L. A. Conlon, Mrs. Williams, senior and junior, Miss Hunter, Miss McLaren, Mrs. R. Ginter, Mrs. Norton Olive, Mrs. George Drake, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Dowling, Mrs. Lugden and Miss Roberta Robinson.

The following motion, put by Mrs. Kuhring and seconded by Mrs. J. H. Doody, was carried:—"That as in other Canadian Clubs the retiring president be added to the executive as an active member, and that this motion be retroactive in effect." An amendment that the retiring president be a member of the executive for one year only, was lost. Mrs. Willard Smith spoke of the detrimental effect upon the club of one person holding office for too long a consecutive period. Miss Leavitt spoke of the beneficial effect of having the guidance of experienced officers though she also deprecated the holding of office by one member for too long a period. On Mrs. Willard Smith's motion, a hearty vote of thanks was extended the secretary and treasurer, who have both served the club most faithfully.

By unanimous vote, Miss Grace Leavitt and Mrs. H. A. Powell were added to the executive in appreciation of their untiring efforts on the club's behalf. Mrs.

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Kuhring and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, in accordance with Mrs. Kuhring's motion, automatically became members of the executive.

The following officers as nominated by the nominating committee, with consent, Miss Tingey, were then elected by unanimous vote: president, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley; 1st vice, Miss Fitcher; 2nd vice, Mrs. W. E. Foster; 3rd vice, Mrs. W. H. Shaw; recording secretary, Mrs. Dearden; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary L. Harrison; treasurer, by acclamation, Miss C. O. McGivern. The members of executive elected by ballot were as follows: Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks, Mrs. G. Ernest Barbour, Miss Ethel Jarvis, Mrs. S. E. Elkin, Mrs. R. T. Hayes, Mrs. James McAvilly, Miss Tingey, Mrs. F. C. Beattie, Mrs. Courland Robinson, Mrs. John H. Thomson and Mrs. W. P. Bonnell.

The incoming executive was authorized to deal with a request from the Women's Institute that hospitality be extended its convention delegates next week and also with the matter of arranging for an address from Mr. Jones of the Overseas Club.

Mrs. Kuhring's address as retiring president was a very real inspiration to the large gathering. She made special reference to the support given the club by the three patronesses, Mrs. Josiah Wood, Lady Tilley and Mrs. William Pugsley, by Mayor and Mrs. Hayes, ex-Mayor Frink and the officers of military headquarters, especially Col. A. H. Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. J. H. Doody and Mrs. F. B. Ellis reported for the visiting committee, whose other members are Mrs. E. R. Taylor, Mrs. J. V. Anglin and Mrs. W. H. Shaw. It was reported that ice cream had been sent the hospital.

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Mrs. F. Fairweather, secretary-treasurer, reported receipts of \$700 from the provincial Red Cross funds and from the Y. W. P. A. and total expenditures of \$2,465.72 for the year. Total receipts were \$2,283.74, balance, \$154.10; unpaid bills, \$42.56. Indents from the East St. John and Lancaster hospitals and one from Major Hooper were voted to be filled. The matron of the East St. John Hospital was present and asked that two suits of underwear be given each patient in her hospital. This request was granted and it was decided that the same quantity should be allowed the Lancaster hospital, if wanted. It was decided to ask General MacDonnell to lend military coats for the use of the men in the hospitals. The needs and requirements of the patients in the hospital for nervous diseases are to be ascertained, in reply to a request from Mr. Gage of the D. S. C. R., and, if necessary, visitors will be appointed to visit this hospital. It was decided to appeal for a gramophone and records for River side, in answer to Major Hooper's suggestion. Mrs. H. A. Powell reported for the drives committee. Mrs. C. B. Allan, reporting for flowers sent, specially thanked Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson and several healthily Col. A. H. Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. J. H. Doody and Mrs. F. B. Ellis reported for the visiting committee, whose other members are Mrs. E. R. Taylor, Mrs. J. V. Anglin and Mrs. W. H. Shaw. It was reported that ice cream had been sent the hospital.

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pitals at Thanksgiving and it was decided to remember Halloween by sending fruit and nuts. The sum of \$25 was voted towards a piano in the East St. John hospital which is being arranged for by Miss Amelia Haley.

The report of the Red Cross circle of the Stone church gave an account of generous gifts sent to the Lancaster hospital. Mrs. G. F. Fisher is convener of this circle.

An excellent report of the summer's work of the Fredericton Ashburnham branch was received from the secretary, Mrs. Chestnut. It told of a large number of garments made and supplied to the hospital in Fredericton; of money amounting to more than \$1,200 raised, including \$150 given to the library in the hospital; and also referred to the fact that all men who had arrived in the city consigned to the military hospital had been conveyed from the station to the hospital by motors provided by the Earl of Ashburnham.

## ORGANIZE MACHINE GUN BATTALION HERE

In the re-organization of the militia in New Brunswick a new unit is to be included, a machine gun battalion for which it has been recommended that Lieut-Colonel Sanson, of Stanley (N. B.), should become officer commanding and Major H. H. Donnelly, adjutant. The unit will be listed as a city battalion but will be divided among the towns throughout the province, with a membership of nearly eight hundred men and some thirty-six officers.

Headquarters and one company will be in St. John, one company in Fredericton, another in Moncton, and platoons in Woodstock, Newcastle, and in other centers yet to be named, probably Sackville, Bathurst and Sussex. Training will be done in each of those places, with officers to be appointed from the various sections concerned, instruction in the use of machine guns forming the chief feature of the programme. Names of other officers in addition to

those mentioned have been submitted to Ottawa to form the list but no word has yet been received as to the selection. Colonel Sanson was in France with a machine gun unit as was Major Donnelly, who is at present acting as officer commanding the depot unit here.

At a meeting of officers of the local district in the mess in the armories last evening preliminary steps were taken towards the establishment of a garrison officers' club. Much enthusiasm over the project was shown and it is expected that it will prove a successful and enjoyable feature of military life here. Committees were formed, representative of each unit in the local militia, to proceed with the work of organization and to report at another meeting on next Friday evening.

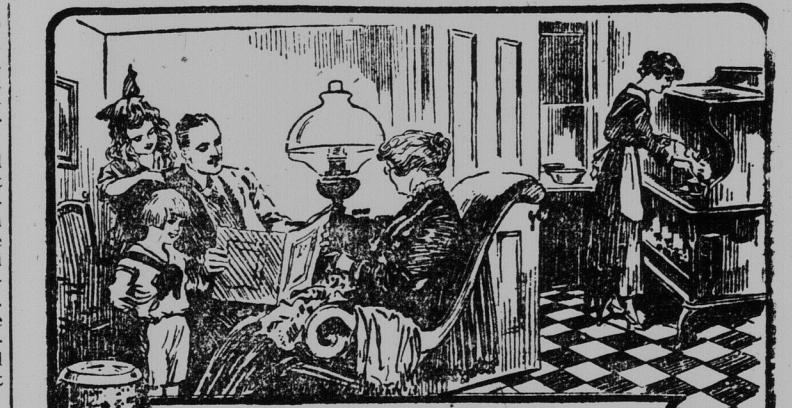
Lieut-Colonel B. R. Armstrong presided at the meeting, with Major S. S. Wetmore as secretary. It was decided to await the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws before proceeding with the election of officers for the year. Various suggestions were offered as to the methods of conducting the club, as to entertainment, furnishings and other matters. It is possible that the first social function may take the form of a dinner or smoker on the anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11, but this matter was left over for further consideration.

The meeting decided to make the club open to all officers in the city, whether B. E. F. or C. E. F., welcoming all as eligible to membership. The mess-room is being nicely and comfortably furnished and, when once the club becomes active, the quarters will be found an attractive center for all who join.

## Reducing the Staff

Within a few days, the members of the local military district will be reduced to a minimum. The depot unit, at present on duty in the armory cleaning up details attaching to demobilization and discharge of soldiers from the expeditionary forces, is to be discharged. The hospital auxiliary units are to be merged and but a very few men will be left to "carry on."

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