

13th Annual

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To the Hon. J. H. Myers, Minister of Agriculture and to the Delegates of the Women's Institutes:—

It is my duty to present to you the thirteenth Annual Report of the Women's Institutes of Prince Edward Island and my pleasure to be able to report such increased and inspiring zeal on the part of the Women's Institutes of this Province.

We have just asked in our Club Women's Creed that we may realize that in the big things of life we are one. It would seem as if this prayer had been answered to a great extent this year, for the Institutes have been working with an exceptional unity of purpose.

Federated Institute Convention. The value of having each member realize the importance of united effort in Institute activities was brought to me clearly at the Federated Women's Institute Convention held last June in Victoria, British Columbia, where women of the nine provinces of Canada were assembled for a most interesting and instructive work to discuss the reports and problems of Canadian Institutes.

The privilege of attending such a meeting was given me when, at the Provincial Convention in June, 1925, the delegates voted that the Supervisor should attend the Biennial Convention of the Federated Institutes.

Upon my return to this Province joint meetings of the different clubs were organized, where possible, to receive the reports. To date sixty-eight Institutes organized before the last Convention have received it, as well as many of the new organizations.

Pamphlets, giving a full account of the Federated Convention have been mailed to all the Provincial units that they may study and gain an insight into the Institute work of every province. If some time could be set aside at each meeting for the reading of a section of the report, I am sure the members would obtain inspiration therefrom for the carrying on of their splendid work.

Visits to the Institutes.

During the summer months the office work was very pressing so that in my absence, it was necessary for Mrs. Windsor to spend the greater part of her time there to attend to the correspondence, reports, etc., and the work of the Handicraft Exchange, so that her visits to the Clubs were fewer than in the previous year.

Demonstrations were given in card-making, millinery, supper dishes, first aid and bandaging, table setting and service, and talks on nutrition and Institute Work, by Miss Windsor.

To meet with you, with women of such sincerity and charm, has been a pleasure that I shall never forget, and for Miss Windsor and myself I wish to express sincere gratitude for the most hospitable manner in which you have received us into your communities, and into your homes.

Institutes Organized Since the 1925 Convention.

Since the Annual Convention of a year ago, twenty-two new Institutes have been organized, and have already accomplished a wonderful work, as their reports later in the programme will show.

I am sure the older members of the organization will join in welcoming these new clubs, and with their experience will be most anxious to help the delegates at this Convention with any of their problems.

Number of Institutes and Their Membership.

The Institutes to date number one hundred and twenty-one, but there are only one hundred and seventeen active Institutes, as some of the numbers have been left vacant in the hope that the Institutes which held them might decide to re-organize.

Four Institutes had to disorganize within the last few years, and the reasons given in three out of the four cases were the petty personal differences which are capable of destroying an otherwise perfect whole. We must always remember in our work that we are seeking for the welfare of all classes, all parties and all creeds.

The objective in membership was two thousand, (2,000) and within the past year it has been exceeded, and the number of members throughout the Province is two thousand three hundred (2,300) approximately.

If such a large body of women are

striving to give the best that is in them for the betterment of their homes and their country they are building up a stalwart citizenship, but if many of them are critical, discontented and looking only for personal glory the organization in their community will be a bad example to the young people under their care.

The Handicraft Exchange, Receipts and Expenditures.

Through the year over \$15,000 was raised by the Clubs by means of socials, concerts, fees and collections at meetings, plays, bazaars, and such financial activities.

Of this amount over \$10,000 was expended on school and community improvements, patriotic purposes, charity and miscellaneous expenses, leaving a balance on hand of \$5120.

Schools. This year work done for the schools has been highly commendable, as the Convener's report will point out to you. The money expended on this branch of the work was over \$6000—an amount more than double the joint expenditures of the two previous years; and increase over last year of \$2500.

The Convener's report will show too, that not only has the expenditure of money been greater, but also the interest has increased in equal proportion, and the Institutes are inspired with a zeal to perfect their schools—to make healthy cheerful places of the buildings in which the growing generation must spend a great part of its time.

Hospitals, Orphanages, Etc.

An active interest has always been shown in our hospitals and orphanages, and although the expenditure on them is less than that of last year, the activity in the work has not lessened. This year the members were called upon to make personal contributions so that the amounts from the club funds were smaller.

Boxes of clothing and food, quilts, and other necessities as well as money were sent to the two orphanages by twenty-five Institutes.

An exceptionally beautiful quilt was made by the members of Long Creek Institute, and presented to the Mount Herbert Orphanage Auxiliary. Tickets are being sold on this quilt, and plans are being made to draw for it on Exhibition Week.

Boxes of jam and eggs were sent to the hospitals in addition to some sums of money.

A call came for help for the Miners families in Nova Scotia, and the Institutes responded generously with money, cases of eggs, boxes of vegetables, hams and clothing.

Many of the Institutes found that families in their own communities were in need of assistance, and accordingly exerted their activities along that line.

In Harrington the Institute presented an invalid girl with a radio set for her amusement.

A most enterprising cause—the Red Cross—was subscribed to by some Institutes.

Patriotic Work.

Approximately \$200 has been expended in buying flags and flag poles, patriotic calendars, flag charts, in repairing and decorating war memorials, in subscribing to memorial funds, and in buying patriotic pictures for the halls and schools.

It is indeed a pleasure to note the keen interest taken in this phase of the work, for it shows that love of patriotism is being instilled in the hearts and minds of the people. The growth of this movement, and the part played by the Women's Institutes will be brought forth clearly when you hear your Convener's report.

Community.

Much energy has been expended by the Women's Institutes of this Province in the improvements of the communities in which they live, for the realization has come to them that it is pride and love of community that can play the greatest part in the prevention of emigration—a drain that is so seriously affecting a large number of districts on our Island.

Shedding rinks in different communities received generous assistance, in making repairs, and in fitting out the hockey teams.

Georgetown Institute made a wonderful donation by laying out a tennis court, and by planting trees for the beautification of the town.

O'Leary Club gave \$10.00 towards a toboggan slide in their town. Hunter River gave \$25.00 to her Athletic Club.

These items of improvement are to be especially remarked upon, as they furnish a source of amusement for the young people of the community.

Other very beneficial improvements for the community may be listed as follows:—

Halls improved by painting interior and exterior, by making necessary repairs, by regular cleaning, by the addition of stoves, gas lamps, pianos, platforms, dishes for banquets, scenery for plays, and such other furnishings.

The Graveyard in Kingsborough was improved by cleaning and leveling the grounds, and by repairing the graves of strangers and of sailors. This Institute is working too for a public hall. Grand River, Traveller's Rest, Souris West and Montague have improved their cemeteries.

More Libraries have been established, and those previously begun have been added to.

I wish to draw the attention of the delegates to the McGill Travelling Library, which is on exhibition at the back of the hall, and to recommend its use in your Clubs.

Practically every Institute has its committee for visiting the sick of the community, and the majority of them have a small sum of money set aside for the purpose of supplying fruit and flowers to those who are confined to their homes through sickness.

The amount of money expended on community work was approximately \$1400.

Meetings of the Provincial Executive.

On the afternoon of August 17th, 1925, the newly appointed Executive met in the Women's Institute Office, with Mrs. Lester Brebaut, our President, in the chair, to discuss the Federal Institute Convention, the work arising therefrom, the organization of District Conventions, the Constitution of the Prince Edward Island Wo-

men's Institutes, Dental Clinics, and other problems of the moment.

At this meeting a letter from the Associated Boards of Trade of the Province, was read, asking the Executive to be present at their meeting Summerside, and at the banquet following the meeting on August 26th. The Executive accepted the cordial invitation, and six of the members were present on that day, when problems vital to the Province were discussed.

The women took an active interest in the meeting, and fully appreciated the courtesies extended to them at that time.

Another letter of interest was read from the Medical Association of this Province re the petition which had been prepared by Avonlea Institute and signed and supported by practically every Club in Prince Edward Island. The petition asked that the rates for adenoids and tonsil operations for school children be reduced, glasses be furnished the children at a lower price, and the eyes be examined at least once a year. The two last clauses of the petition have been referred to the opticians, but the Medical Association forwarded the following satisfactory reply:—

Supervisor, Women's Institutes of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown.

At the Annual Meeting of the P. E. Island Medical Association, held on July 8th, the matter for Adenoid and Tonsil operation was considered, and the following scale of charges was adopted: For School Children—Adenoids \$10.00; Adenoids and Tonsils \$15.00. For each other member of the family at the same time—\$5.00. In addition there is a fee of \$5.00 for anaesthetic. At present the rates are—Tonsils \$20.00; Adenoids \$20.00; Adenoids and Tonsils—\$30.00 to \$50.00.

Yours truly, (Sgd.) G. F. DEWAR, M. D., Secretary Medical Association, P.E.I. The Executive met again on May 14th, 1926, to make arrangements for the present Convention.

District Conventions.

You will remember that a great deal of discussion took place at our last year's meetings in regard to District Conventions and in pursuance of this some of the Clubs took the matter up.

A most successful District Convention of the Women's Institutes of South Lake, East Point, Elmira, Priest Pond, St. Columba, North Lake and Lakeville was held in the afternoon and evening of November 6th, in North Lake Hall. A history of each Club was read and a programme item was given by one member from each Institute during the afternoon session. The evening meeting was open to the public, and the programme consisted of a lecture by Miss Mona Wilson on "Health in the School," a violin solo by Miss Kathleen Hornby and an address by J. O. Hyndman on "The Economic Situation in Our Province."

Another District Convention was organized in Red Point District to include the Institutes of Red Point, East Baltic, Kingsborough, Little Harbour and Chestow, on November 25th, but owing to the condition of the roads, and the uncertainty of the weather, and the expense of such a meeting at that time, it was necessary to postpone the meeting until a more favorable time of year.

Plans were also made for another District Organization to include the Institutes of Montague, Lower Montague, Georgetown, New Perth, Rosemeath and Brudenell.

These two new Conventions, will no doubt be held during the summer months, and it is to be hoped that many other clubs will follow in their footsteps, for it is a movement which will provide many advantages to the community in which it is carried out.

And now I claim the privilege of

Another important part of our work is the Handicraft Exchange which is carried on in the office of the Supervisor of Women's Institutes. Here the women throughout the Province may send any rugs or weaving that they wish to sell, and here they may obtain beautifully hand-drawn and colored designs on canvas at a reasonable rate. Through the year ideas for designs and colors are given, and during the winter months orders are filled for customers.

The Exchange was carried out most successfully during the summer months in our office on Grafton Street, and from June until November \$1300 was realized.

Since November we have carried on an extensive business in placing orders for hooked rugs, and answering inquiries regarding colors and designs, and in selling some of the stock on display.

We extend a cordial invitation to all the members to visit the Exchange, which is now situated in the lower

floor of the Riley Building on Queen Street, and to see the collection of beautiful rugs sent in by women from all parts of the Island.

A commission of 5 per cent is charged for selling rugs for Institute members and in all other cases a commission of 10 per cent to cover the expenses of the Exchange, which must be self-supporting.

It is to be hoped that the women of the Institute will take an even greater interest in this phase of Home Economics work, and will make the Handicraft Exchange entirely a Women's Institute business. It is an enterprise with many chances for enlargement; with possibilities for raising the standard of our home crafts to the highest degree.

School Fairs.

Again this year, during September and October an interesting work was the judging at School Fairs, and at the Souris, Georgetown and Egmont Bay Exhibitions.

Each season this seems a more important work for the Women's Institute Branch, because year by year the Institutes are increasing their interest in the wonderful project. They realize it to be a wonderful project only when it is honestly carried out by each participant, and they can exert their influence for good in a marked degree by transmitting this thought to the children, and by co-operating with the teachers in every possible way.

The school may be the most attractive, the most sanitary one in the country, the teacher exceptionally good, but if the scholars have not learned at home the true and full value of honesty, their education is wasted.

Short Courses and Night Classes.

The Short Courses in Domestic Science for women and girls of the rural districts was held in our department in Prince of Wales College in January, where instruction in cookery, home-nursing, millinery, dressmaking, and household administration, etc., was given.

For this class a total of 56 applications were received and plans were made to accept all applicants and divide them into classes of twenty-three pupils. We are disappointed that only twenty-three of these applicants were able to be present, owing to the bad roads and weather conditions, and the influenza epidemic, but we were well repaid for the interest shown by those in attendance.

Prizes were awarded for general proficiency to Miss Isabel McDonald, Glentinnan, Hamie Carver, Hazelbrook, Ella Diamond, Winsloe, and Amy Frizell, Stanchell.

Consecutively with the Short Course and through February and March, Night Classes in cookery (2), dressmaking (2), and millinery (2) were held for city women and girls. For these classes there was an enrolment of 127 pupils.

Women's Institute Act.

At the Annual Convention of 1925 the subject of incorporating the Women's Institutes of this Province was discussed, and a motion made that the matter be left in the hands of Mrs. E. M. Gough, Convener of Legislation, who was to have power to appoint her own committee. Unfortunately our Convener was called away to Wisconsin, U. S. A., before it was possible to attend to the matter, and it was left to the Executive.

At the last session of the Legislature the Women's Institute Act was passed, incorporating the Women's Institutes of this Province. Hon. Mr. Myers, the Minister of Agriculture will speak to you tomorrow morning on the subject, and copies of the act will be distributed.

We were most unfortunate in losing such an exceptionally clever and charming woman as Mrs. Gough from our Women's Institutes, and I know I am speaking for the organization as a whole, when I say that we trust that she will be able to return to us at no distant day.

one whose work in this special field of Institute work is almost done, of making a few suggestions to the officers and members in their relation to one another, and their great work "For Home and Country."

To the new officers I would say—that we are all liable to assume our own methods to be the best, and that is well within limits, for it gives us confidence to press onward. But it is necessary to remember, when taking up the duties of a new office, that the views of others must be harmonized with our own, and that all changes are not improvements. First hold fast to what has been proven by your predecessors to be good, and always hold an open and enquiring mind to discover what is better.

To the members I would say—that by recognizing the position and authority of the officers whom you have chosen, and co-operating with them, you honor yourselves, and best ensure the success of your Institute.

Above all, officers and members, be loyal and true to one another. At your meeting speak your thoughts freely on the subject under discussion; but when your vote has been given and the decision arrived at, accept it; abide by it; avoid the outside criticism that is certain to breed discouragement and discontent.


In closing this last report of Institute work that I shall have the privilege of presenting to you, I wish to express to you my deep appreciation of the unvarying kindness and consideration you have shown me, in all our dealings. I leave you with the impression strongly written in my mind that the Prince Edward Island women are the very best in the world.

Respectfully submitted, HELEN MATHIESON.

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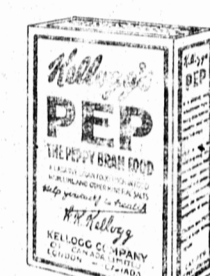
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**New Brunswick Yields Record Game Fish Catch**



Left to right: F. N. Peet, inventor of the new Allen Steamer for salmon and trout fishing; Dr. E. E. Zimmerman, D. H. Faxon, Senator L. G. Bradford of Indiana.

Four fishermen from the United States went fishing on the Cains River, New Brunswick, for thirteen days under the guidance of W. Harry Allen recently and caught three hundred and forty fish. Here they are shown leaving Canadian Pacific Railway Windsor Station, Montreal, for Chicago.

State Senator L. G. Bradford, of Indiana, made the biggest catch of the season when he landed a twenty-seven pound, forty-seven inch whale of a salmon after a fierce battle of brain and brawn which lasted forty-five minutes. "The biggest salmon I've seen in this district," commented the latter as soon as he was able to get his breath again.

The feature of the trip was the fact that only barbless hooks were used so that of the 340 fish caught not one was either killed or injured. Most of the fish were returned to the waters alive, only the eight largest fish being brought back for mounting. Fred N. Peet, the leader of the party, who has made the Cains River his annual fishing retreat for the past six years, invented the Allen Steamer and named it after George Allen, his favorite guide. Mr. Peet is a well known all-round American sportsman.

"And oh! how they bit!" exclaimed Dr. E. E. Zimmerman of Elkart, Indiana, who with Mr. Peet, caught two hundred salmon. "We got a number of forty-inch and thirty-eight inch salmon, but the ten pounders were more fun, jumping up out of the swift waters, fighting, and taking advantage of the strong current."

In addition to the twenty-seven-inch, forty-seven pounder, Senator Bradford also got a twenty-three pounder and an eighteen inch trout. All with a 5/2-ounce fly rod. Mr. Peet and Dr. Zimmerman used the Heddon 5/4-ounce rod.

D. H. Faxon, of Chicago, the fourth member of the party stressed the fact that not one of the 340 fish was even injured owing to the use of the barbless hook. "The fishing was simply marvelous," he said, "I never dreamed there was a place like that. And," he added, "I want to tell you that the Canadian Pacific travel service was absolutely the best and most courteous I've ever struck either here or in the United States."

Tanned a ruddy shade of brown by New Brunswick strong sun and warm winds, the four fishing partners stood on the platform of Windsor Station, laughing and joking. Pointing to a red little tin full with his baggage, Senator Bradford observed, "Well, boys, I wouldn't part with the contents of that tin for hundreds of dollars." It contained the head and

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