

# Womens Institute Holds Convention

(Continued)

Miss Helen McDougall Superintendent of Nova Scotia Institutes in continuing her remarks said:

Next year on the train we had "The Nova Scotia Pantry," which caused a very great deal of comment. Everything in the pantry was produced or packed in Nova Scotia. It was of interest to note that the pantry contained practically everything that was needed for general use.

Ship Model.—We also had our beautiful ship model, the good ship W. I. N. S. The sails or "yards" labelled with the activities of the organization. The idea being that even as a ship is carried forward by its sails, so the organization is carried forward by its activities.

1928—No Demonstration Train but a Provincial Exhibition reopened in Halifax first time since explosion.

"The Nova Scotia Kitchen," a natural follow-up from the "Nova Scotia Pantry." A most attractive model kitchen, showing high working surfaces, routing, etc.

Here we had demonstrations several times a day, during the exhibition. Canning and Cookery demonstrations featuring Nova Scotia Food Products.

1929—Same background, used as a demonstration centre for the Girls Club Work.

### Boys and Girls Clubs.

Boys and Girls Club work started in Nova Scotia several years ago, first Galf Clubs, Swine Clubs. We feel that Club or Household subjects should be developed, and it seemed the duty of the W. I. to undertake that work.

Two years ago we started Girls Garment Making Clubs, and then later Cooking and Canning Clubs. The Clubs are junior and senior (10-13-14-18) they have regular officers, meet twice a month, with a local leader, learn how to conduct meetings and do practical work in sewing and cooking. Our instructor visited each Club once a month.

In December of last year this work was transferred to the Extension Service with the other Boys and Girls Clubs, and the work is being expanded.

### Handicraft Exchanges.

In 1928 we opened 4 Handicraft Exchanges for the purpose of providing a market for the selling of rugs, quilts and other handicrafts. This year the Home Industries Development Division was formed with a superintendent in charge. A committee of business men and representative women including the Superintendent of the Women's Institutes, and the Superintendent of Home Industries Division has been formed, called "The Home Industries Development Council."

Goods are received at a central receiving point (Truro) and the Council meets twice a month to appraise them. When goods are appraised the Superintendent of Home Industries places these goods throughout the Province to be sold. A commission is deducted. Tourist centres, hotels, service stations, tea rooms handle the goods.

### Rallies.

You may be interested in the Rallies which we have held this year for the first time.

The aim was to bring several Institutes together, so that the Superintendent might meet more Institutes in the year than was possible by individual visiting. Also that there might be the benefit resulting from exchange of ideas and contact with other Institutes.

The Rallies were held wherever we could group several Institutes together. Not all of the Province was covered, but as much as was possible. In all 11 Rallies were held and the response was most encouraging. They were well attended, enthusiastic and most helpful.

Careful plans were made beforehand, two representatives from each Institute met with the Superintendent and planned place of meeting and program. Each Institute was asked to contribute something of educational value to the program. These contributions were simply splendid, and everyone was delighted at the hidden talent which was brought forward.

Other items on the programs were an address by the Provincial President, the Provincial Superintendent and a demonstration by the Assistant Superintendent. It really was a one-day Convention. A district Executive was appointed, which will carry forward this work.

This summer we are making a special effort to do some work in those districts where we are not as yet es-

ablished. Three special workers are on for the summer months.

Instead of one demonstration in a large number of places, we have planned a series of routes, which will be travelled three times during the summer, thus giving a follow-up program.

These subjects are: 1. Canning. 2. Vegetable Cookery. 3. Correspondence Course.

In order that interest may be sustained through the winter months we have developed a correspondence course. This will be offered to the groups that have been instructed during the summer time. It consists of 7 sessions on Foods and Cookery, teaching the principles of nutrition and simple cookery. It is of course designed particularly for those who have not had the benefit of experience, but we find it is of interest to experienced housekeepers as well.

### Clothing Specialist.

We are now looking for a clothing specialist when we will try to develop the teaching of group leaders. That is representatives from a selected number of groups will meet regularly for instruction to be carried back to their groups.

### The Aim of Institute Work.

What is all this effort for? Is it merely activity with no aim or purpose?

No! We have a very definite purpose in view. Even as all professions and wide-awake business firms are constantly on the alert to meet changing conditions with increased knowledge and efficiency, so the Women's Institute is attempting to bring within reach of home makers knowledge that will help them in their important profession of home-making.

To the Hon. Walter M. Lea, Minister of Agriculture and to the Delegates of the Women's Institutes of Prince Edward Island.

I have the honor to submit the seventeenth annual report of the Women's Institutes of this province from July 10th, 1929, to the present time.

At our last convention we had with us Miss Ethel Schurman, now Mrs. Ed- win Estey, Miss Schurman resigned her position as Supervisor October 28th, 1929. General regret was felt for the loss of one so capable and efficient.

I received the appointment of Supervisor November 1st, 1929, while Miss Louise Hazzard, graduate of MacDon- ald College, P. Q., took up the duties of Assistant Supervisor on October 1, 1929.

We are pleased to welcome to our organization twenty-one new branches since our last convention, namely: Milburn, Bebrov, Rock Barra, Ascension, Millville, Upton, Strathcona, Earncliffe, McNeill's Mills, St. Andrews, West Royal, Bloomfield Corner, Piusville, Milburn Lot 40, Margate, West Cape, Cumberland Hill, Glenroy, Auburn and Green- wood.

The Institutes to date number two hundred and eighteen (218) with an appropriate membership of four thousand (4,000). A few of these are not very active at the present time. I think that we might attribute this lack of interest to the fact that these Institutes have lost sight of the real object of the Women's Institute and are not living up to their creed.

"Grant we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one."

Unions of purpose in the work of improving Home and Country is where our strength lies; in setting aside all petty considerations in the furtherance of this great ideal.

Meetings of the Provincial Executive. Four meetings of the Provincial Executive were held during the past year. A special meeting was called in July for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of the Institutes undertaking the financing of the equipment for the sanatorium. The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved that this Executive Committee of the Women's Institutes of Prince Edward Island endorse the campaign plan of the Provincial Sanatorium Commission and agree to participate in same to the fullest extent."

Further resolved that we recommend to the individual Institutes that they contribute to the financing of the equipment of the Institution at a total cost of \$30,000; and also that they undertake the personal canvassing of such school districts as may be assigned to them.

Another special meeting was held in November in order that the members might bid farewell to Miss Schurman. A regular meeting was held in February, 1930. At this meeting it was decided to order Institute pins, and at the present time these pins are on hand and may be purchased at the office for the sum of forty cents. District Conventions, Handicraft, Institute News and other matters of interest were discussed.

The Executive again met May 30th. The question of an Exhibit for the Canadian National Exhibition was discussed and it was decided that nothing could be done this year, but we are hoping to be in a position to have an exhibit next year. The Provincial Exhibition booth was next discussed and plans were made for an exhibit. Arrangements were then made for the present convention.

District Conventions. From July 10th, until November 8th, 1929, twenty-seven district conventions were held throughout the province. Through these Conventions one hundred and sixty five Institutes were visited by Miss Schurman and myself, who gave talks and demonstrations at the meetings. In a great many districts members themselves gave demonstrations and papers, and several excellent exhibits of handicraft have been displayed.

Beginning May 27th, 1930, Miss Hazzard and I have come in touch with sixty-eight institutes through eight conventions.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the members in the different districts for their kind hospitality, and we are also grateful to, and wish to thank, the members of the Medical Association, Sanatorium Commission, Red Cross Society and other speakers for very interesting and instructive addresses given at these different conventions.

Communities. The sum of one thousand seven hundred and thirty five dollars was expended this year for the betterment of our communities. Is it any wonder that we find the communities where there are institutes looking so prosperous? As these communities continue to improve are they not presenting added inducements to keep our boys and girls happy and contented in their home province which at present too many are prone to leave?

Skating rinks in different communities received generous assistance. Hockey teams were encouraged and banquets by their home Clubs.

New halls have been built and old ones have been renovated by painting of the interiors and exteriors, by addition of stoves, gas lamps, pianos or organs and by other improvements.

Some of the villages have installed street lights.

A number of new libraries have been established and those previously begun have expanded.

A number of Institutes have been instrumental in forming Home Nursing classes in their communities. This is a step which we trust will be followed by many more clubs.

Much interest was taken in the arranging of the programme of the meetings, for the Institutes are realizing that it is for a successful meeting and if we are going to have successful Institutes we must have successful meetings.

The welcoming of newcomers, the carrying of good cheer to the sick and attention to needy families have all been attended to by Institute members. Hospitals, Orphanages, etc.

Two years ago the Institute accepted the slogan "A Sanatorium for Prince Edward Island" and I have already stated the resolution which was passed by the executive making the Institutes responsible for the equipping of the sanatorium.

In September, 1929, a campaign was held for the sanatorium and during that time the institute canvassed the county districts with the result that approximately \$25,000 was pledged. At present the Institutes are planning on hemming the linen which will be necessary, and a few of the Institutes are furnishing comforters and pillows. Much has already been done, but there still remains a great many ways in which the Institutes can be of assistance.

During this time our Hospitals and Orphanages have not been forgotten. Many of the Institutes responded to the call to assist the Prince County Hospital in the purchase of an electric elevator, Pickles and jams as well as other donations have been sent to the Hospitals and Orphanages.

Several Institutes have donated money to the School for the Blind. A few institutes have aided members and crippled children by paying hospital bills.

The majority of the Institutes responded to the call from the Red Cross and assisted in canvassing and a large number of the Institutes have supplied the money for the toilet used in the Immunization Clinics.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of O Canada with Miss Duchemin as accompanist.

This was followed by the repetition in unison of the Club Women's Creed. An address of welcome was then delivered by Hon. W. M. Lea, Premier of P. E. I. The reply to the address of welcome was given by Mrs. George McDonald, Grand River.

Then followed the address of the president in which she stated that it was with a feeling of pride that she met with those women from one end of the Island to the other—women who were nobly working for the advancement of home and country. The work of the Women's Institute and its part in securing the sanatorium will go down in history; and the sanatorium will stand as a memorial to this great body of women who made the health of the people particularly the health of the children their first care, for it was this organization which first made a definite move with the object of a sanatorium, and others fell in line. In every forward movement the women of the Institute are working loyally for home and country. In the future as the institutes grow year by year delegates will attend our conventions and go back to their own institutes feeling an inspiration for better service. The minutes of the last annual convention were read by Miss Lulu Yeo of Northam, and adopted by the convention. This was followed by the report of the year's work by Miss McPhail. Dr. McMillan followed with an address on Red Cross work.

The resolution committee was appointed as follows: Prince County—Mrs. Alex Anderson, Bedouque; Mrs. Hooper Linkletter, Linkletter Road. Queens—Mrs. W. W. Crosby, Cornwall; Miss Julia Carver, Mt. Albion. Kings—Mrs. J. A. McIsaac, Cardigan; Mrs. Geo. Martin, New Perth.

At the close of this session the delegates were taken for a trip to the Experimental Farm and enjoyed an outing.

### Schools.

This year, as in years past, the work done for the schools has been highly commendable, \$5,998.18 having been spent. In accordance with advice received from the Red Cross, many Institutes have improved their schools, seeing that the windows are all on the left hand side, that the interiors are made as bright and at-

tractive as possible, and that the desks and seats are the correct size etc. The Convenors report will deal with this topic more fully.

### Exhibitions And School Fairs.

During September of last year, the judging at School Fairs and at the Georgetown, Alberton, Souris and Egmont Bay Exhibitions proved an interesting work. Year by year the Institutes are increasing their interest in this project. We must realize that it is a wonderful project only when we have honest competition, and the Institutes can do a great deal more than they are doing by instilling the thought of honest competition into the minds of the children, and if the members would cooperate in every way possible with the teacher, the result would be bigger and better School Fairs than ever before. This year \$185.50 has been expended on school fairs.

### Short Courses and Night Classes in Home Economics.

The mid-winter Short Courses in Home Economics, under the direction of the Women's Institute, were held during the months of January, February and March. For the first course, commencing January 20th and ending February 7th, we had eighteen students enrolled. During the three weeks, classes were given in—Cookery, Dressmaking, Millinery and Home Nursing as well as demonstrations and talks on Correct Table Setting and Service, Care of the House, and the Making of Paper Flowers. This course was brought to a close by the students being at home to the members of the Government and friends to whom a Valentine tea was served.

The second course which was held from February 17th to March 7th, was similar to the first, but owing to storms and sickness the attendance was small.

Concurrently with the day classes, classes were conducted in Cookery and Sewing, twelve nights of each. Forty girls and women of Charlottetown took advantage of these classes.

We extend a cordial invitation to any members who are interested to visit our kitchen in which these classes are held.

### Booth at the Exhibition.

The Women's Institute Executive made arrangements for a Booth to be held at the Provincial Exhibition, Charlottetown in August. The booth was to have consisted of varieties of canned fruits and vegetables, put up in pint bottles by members of the Women's Institute.

Just three Institutes responded to the Executive regarding the matter. Shrobrok, and altogether there were not more than ten exhibits sent in. At the last minute therefore it was necessary to place in the booth an exhibit from the Handicraft Exchange.

The Booth consisted of hooked mats, made by the members, woven materials, hooked curtains, etc., and the sales from goods sold at the booth during the week amounted to about \$75.00.

### Handicraft Exchange.

During the Tourist Season, June 15th to September 15th, the Women's Institute Handicraft Exchange was open. During that period 178 articles were sold, which realized the sum of about \$1,750.00. This shows an increase of fifty-five articles over the number sold in 1928.

Mr. Joe R. Smith, Designer and Hooker of Rugs, Margate, was in charge of the Exchange.

Owing to lack of office space in which to display the rugs, it was decided that we would be unable to have the Exchange this year. However a limited number of rugs will be kept on hand at the Tourist office, and the sale of same will be under the very capable management of Mrs. J. M. McPadyen. As her office space is limited Mrs. McPadyen intends displaying only first quality rugs.

### Institute News.

Eight publications of the "Institute News" have been issued since the establishment. This paper is proving very popular and we hope to continue publishing same.

Detailed accounts of the work being carried on in regard to Agriculture, Canadian Industries, Home Economics, Immigration, National Events, Child Welfare, Legislation, and Education and Better Schools, will be received from the Provincial Convenors of the Standing Committees.

On behalf of Miss Hazzard and myself I wish to thank you all for your kindness and hospitality extended to us when travelling throughout the province. More particularly do I wish to thank you for the welcome you have given me as a stranger to your province, and for your co-operation and help in my

work. Your kindness has made me forget that I was a stranger, has established me an individual part of each community here represented and enabled me to replace the distant phrase "Your Institutes," with the proud term "Our Institutes." Let each of us, in her own way, strive to put forth an even greater effort than ever before, that in good-will, good work and good results, the following year may be a rich and prosperous one for Our Institutes.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. MACPHAIL.

On account of the slow growth, field inspection was delayed until the last possible date consistent with the interests of the work. Black leg was found in negligible quantities. Mosaic was readily discernible in spite of the dry atmospheric conditions and bright sunshine, this disease was about on a parity with the amount found in 1928. The same may be said of leaf roll. Quite a few fields were rejected on first inspection on account of lack of vigour. We set a standard demanding at least 90% of vigorous plants per field to allow eligibility for second inspection. Early blight was present, but only in isolated districts, and then the infection was slight. This would seem to discount the theory of this disease being more or less of a dry season condition. Late blight was almost entirely absent. We found only two or three cases in the fields during the inspection period.

The harvesting of the Irish Cobbler fields commenced quite early. The total crop was short with numerous small size tubers, many fields of this variety were dead before September 1st. Tuber inspection work commenced the first week of October. On account of the premature death of the plants in many fields, Rhizoctonia disease was quite prevalent on the tubers. We are stressing the need of harvesting the tubers as early as possible after the death of the plants to avoid an excess of Rhizoctonia sclerotia. The Green Mountain and Spaulding Rose varieties were harvested during October, most of the crop being under cover before any severe frost came. Yields of both of these were good to excellent, and of good quality. Common scab also was found to be severe in many sections, more particularly those where mussel mud had been used. Powdery scab was practically absent. Late blight rot was found in very few instances. One grower in particular who had not sprayed his crop at all had 25% rot in his pile during the early part of the fall season. No doubt this would increase later in storage.

Export shipments by steamer started earlier than usual, and grade inspection of certified seed was well under way by October 20th and continued uninterrupted throughout the fall season. The last steamer cleared from the port of Georgetown on December 29th. In all, some twenty-four steamers were loaded at the ports of Summerside, Victoria, Charlottetown and Georgetown, as well as many rail shipments, making a grand total of 1,069,725 bushels of certified Irish cobbler, Green Mountains and Spaulding Roses. This is greater by 8,500 bushels than the total fall and spring shipments of the 1928 crop. Of this amount the Association shipped 840,691 bushels, or almost 80 per cent.

Our greatest difficulty this year has been frost injury. Not a few growers have inadequate storage facilities. Consequently when the first severe frost comes, it finds many piles of potatoes in outbuildings which are poorly equipped to withstand freezing temperatures. The result is, in addition to many tubers decaying after been frozen, others become chilled to such an extent that a necrosis of the tissues results, rendering them unfit for seed purposes. On the whole, the certified stock was of extra good quality although the inspectors experienced considerable difficulty in holding the grade within the required sizes of from three to twelve ounces. A great many growers seemed to be under the impression that table stock, Canada No. 1 grade, which allows a minimum size of 1 1/2 inches, would also pass certification requirements. A three ounce tuber measures from two inches to two and one quarter inches, depending on variety.

Unlike 1928 when extremely low prices prevailed, the returns this year have been eminently satisfactory, as evidenced by the splendid report of your management. The demand for our certified seed has been good, which stabilized prices considerably.

Irish Cobblers with an average yield of 175 bushels per acre graded out on the average about 100 bushels of certified seed stock, Green Mountains yielded about 250-275 bushels per acre and graded about 200 bushels per acre No. 1 stock. Spaulding Rose yielded the heaviest, about 300 bushels per acre, and graded out 2.0 bushels No. 1 stock.

Spring shipments also were somewhat heavier this year than last. We certified to 226,025 bushels of Extra No. 1 stock and 4,475 bushels of cer-

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Table Stock, but too many small potatoes are still sent out. Dr. Grisdale cited the benefits accruing from rigid grading of eggs. He urged that the representatives at Ottawa vote for stricter grading of table stock. The speaker gave the assurance that all demands from the Maritime Provinces relative to the industry, and they are very few, will be granted by the Dominion department.

Mr. Chester Shaw of the table stock inspection service, reported that 5,177 cars of table stock, and 405 cars of turnips were inspected during the last season. Previous to 1929 only two cars of potatoes inferior to Canada No. 1 were inspected. Last year there were many cars of Canada No. 2 and No. 3. He considered it a mistake to ship such potatoes except where there is a special demand. The inspection of turnips must be more rigid, Mr. Shaw stated, because turnips in the American market are sold individually. Reinspection of cars rejected by the consignee often proved the standard of inspection here, and prevented buyers leaving potatoes on the hands of the shippers during times of poor prices.

Before the meeting adjourned the president expressed the thanks of the Association to Mr. J. A. Clark for the picnic held at the Experimental Farm.

Senator Hughes, who was present, stated that the C. P. R. have officials to check the contents of the cars as a safeguard against dishonest consignees, but the C. N. R. refuses to give this service. The senator stated that he had information that Island shippers would like such service.

Mr. Boulter stated that on occasions, two, three or four bags were missing from cars. The matter had been followed up, but the consignees were apparently honest.

Mrs. Wm. MCEWEN'S ADDRESS  
Madame President, Supervisor, and members of the Women's Institutes of Prince Edward Island:

As Convener of Canadian Industries, it is my duty to submit to you this, my first report. I am sure we all realize that the subject, "Canadian Industries," is one whose importance cannot be over estimated, inasmuch as it is upon the successful development of these industries that the future welfare of this glorious Canada of ours depends.

We realize that our young country presents untold possibilities in its mineral, agricultural and forest wealth, and its unexcelled fisheries. The abundance of electrical power admits of manufacturing being carried on very extensively, but we feel that this industry is not receiving due attention, especially in our own province, where it is being sadly neglected, and it is for this reason that our questionnaires stress the importance of demanding articles made in Canada.

As my subject is an extensive one, I will confine my report chiefly to the industries of Prince Edward Island. We know that our basic industry is agriculture and the branches connected with it, such as dairying, which, though in some communities a thriving industry, is not, perhaps taken advantage of by our people as it might be. Then there is fruit growing and poultry raising which is one of the most interesting farm industries for women, as it forms an important source of revenue for them. The export of certified seed potatoes has brought a considerable amount of wealth to our province in recent years as has the establishment of the fox industry. Fishing is more and more being recognized as offering one of the most lucrative sources of employment, the lobster trade having been particularly successful this season. Our aim should be to elevate our manufacturing industry to a basis of equality with the others just named and so prevent so many of our young people leaving home to seek the employment which should be provided for them by their home province.