

West Queens W.I. District Convention

On Friday, June 20th, the Fredrickton Women's Institute annual district convention in Fredrickton Hall...

pleasure on being present and commented on the excellent reports. She invited all members while in town shopping to take advantage of their comfortable rest room.

A sing-song was led by Mrs. Harry Weeks. Members then enjoyed and appreciated a panel discussion, "Better Schools for Canadian Youth" with Mrs. John H. MacLeod as chairman and Mrs. Sterling Corbett, Mrs. Walter Parsons, Mrs. Oswald Murphy and Miss Christie MacLeod as assistants.

Mrs. Frank Baginall congratulated the participants on the excellent discussion. Hazel Grove Institute conducted a period of fun and nonsense which kept the hall in laughter for a few minutes, after which Mrs. Neil Matheson, convener of agriculture, spoke about the A.C.W.W., F.W.I.C., the Tweedsmuir competition and the new set-up being planned for district conventions.

The business of the convention was then conducted. Glen Valley will entertain the 1953 convention with Mrs. John Nicholson as president and Mrs. Norman MacDonal as secretary.

Hazel Grove: Mrs. Ronald Mac-

Donald, Mrs. Gordon Newsome. Greenvale: Mrs. Samuel Shillington, Mrs. Alfred Carew. Lincoln: Mrs. Gavin McAleer, Mrs. Wilfred Dolron. Breadalbane: Mrs. Wm. Graham, Mrs. Stanford Glover. North Wiltshire: Mrs. Bruce Deacon, Mrs. Morrison MacLean. Rose Valley: Mrs. Eiland Cousins, Mrs. James Cousins. South Granville: Mrs. Lloyd MacLeod, Mrs. Nell Campbell. Millvale: Mrs. Walter Parsons, Miss Rita Murphy. Pleasant Valley: Mrs. Ernest MacInnis, Mrs. Miller Weeks. Hunter River: Mrs. C. B. Matheson, Mrs. Everett Haslam. North Granville: Mrs. Tupper Taylor, Mrs. Orylle Taylor. South Granville: Miss Alexandra Keir, Mrs. Wellington MacInnis. Brookfield: Mrs. Frank Cutcliffe, Mrs. Judson Rackham.

The afternoon session was brought to a close by singing the "Hymn", after which a sumptuous buffet supper was served and a social hour enjoyed during which the members viewed the display of "antiques" which was supervised by the South Granville Institute.

Evening Session

The evening session opened with the singing of "O Canada". Mrs. J. A. Lawson, in her address, told what the C.A.C. was doing in getting standardized sizes in clothing and standard weights in foods and soap flakes.

Mr. G. B. Whiteside then spoke for the "Conservation". He said that unless our people were educated and their hearts out-distracted, this eventually led to war, so to keep peace in the world, food must be provided for the world, and this could only be done by maintaining soil fertility and preventing soil erosion by proper cultivation, a good rotation of crops, by looking after the woodlot and planting more trees, if necessary. This was brought out more plainly by the film which followed, "Land in Trust".

The resolutions committee brought in the following resolutions:

- 1. Be it resolved that the thanks of this convention be extended to the Fredrickton Institute for their gracious hospitality. 2. Be it resolved that the thanks of this convention be extended to our supervisor Miss Robin, Mrs. Matheson, Miss McCarron, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. Whiteside, to the management of the Film Board, and to all others who contributed to the success of the convention. 3. Whereas the dumping of rubbish along our highways is an untidy and unsightly practice, and whereas this practice is a menace to health, providing as it does a breeding place for flies and germs; therefore be it resolved that something be done by those in authority to have this practice stopped. 4. Be it resolved, as Institute members, we give our wholehearted support to the mobile X-ray unit. 5. Be it resolved whereas the blood supply is now inadequate to meet the present-day needs, that all members of this convention pledge themselves to support the next blood donor clinic. 6. Lastly, be it resolved that following the informative address by Mrs. Lawson and the good common sense suggestions, that we, in the interests of every day economy, support wholeheartedly the C. A. C. It was moved, seconded and carried that these resolutions be adopted as read, and the meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

Ring Reminiscences

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The job quickly and enforced law and order. Dawson City was the largest and most law abiding mining camp the world had ever seen. Some of the first to explore the wilderness in search of gold were men from the Maritime Provinces of Canada. Both Henderson and Cormack (McCormack) were from Nova Scotia. Tom Brazil of Summerside, P. E. I., with three partners left a whaler quietly in the year 1894 after going through Bering Strait, landed in the Alaska coast and struck a good "pay streak," and were back in Seattle within two years with a fair sized "stake."

George Higgins of Kensington was prospecting in the Kuskokwim river district of Southwestern Alaska in 1894. He "mushed" for three weeks in sight of Mt. McKinley every day. It is the highest peak in North America (20,000 feet) and is visible for at least 200 miles. The last thousand feet is a snow and ice cap. Attempts have been made to climb the ice peak for the last fifty years. It was thought by many climbers that the last 1000 feet was impossible, but the Saturday Evening Post or Reader's Digest has a story of its conquest by a recent expedition. Indians knew gold when they saw it. They had seen "colors" in the hills and in stream beds. The news was confided to some white trappers and steamboat men. If white men or Indians find gold, it is not natural for them to keep it secret. They must tell someone. The secret would eat their hearts out. There are stories of hidden and secret mines like that of "Scotty" of Death Valley fame, but they are generally figments of sensational writers' vivid imaginations. The "Lost Dutchman" in Arizona is another mythical fantasmagoria. The news had to be transmitted by "bush telegraph." There were no telephones, telegraphs or radio, but the "whisperings" reached to the far places of the earth where

people "moll for gold." When the news of the big discovery startled the world, people converged from all corners of the earth toward Alaska and the Yukon. They were all colors, creeds and tongues, even spotted South Sea Islanders (Kanakas). There were people who knew the famous Cecil Rhodes intimately in South Africa. Frank Slavin the champion Australian heavyweight pugilist was a prominent figure in Dawson in early days, also Rex Beach, Jack London, Frank Gotch, champion wrestler. Slavin was a partner with another great athlete Joe Boyle, who was a Canadian and was a patron of athletes in his later years. Boyle was a great "planer" and promoter. He was successful in getting a mining concession from the Dominion Dept. of Mines, on the Klondike river flats, extending from the Ogilvie bridge to Bear Creek. Eventually he raised capital enough to install one of the largest gold dredges and the pay-off was good. Poor Slavin was side tracked. He had become a slave to strong drink and was figuratively counted out. Boyle weighed 240 pounds, but was still strong and athletic. He saw him jump on account of domestic trouble. Boyle had a most imposing countenance and physique. He joined the forces in the Great War. He had a fine military bearing and previous military training. He was sent to Romania on a special mission by the British High Command, and so impressed Queen Marie and her advisers that he soon became the "man behind the Throne." It was a strange state of affairs—with implications of romance—it was very generally sub-

stantiated by several writers at the time and in later years. Some Indians at least knew that there was gold in the gravel, but they were either too lackadaisical or not resourceful enough to make any kind of contraptions for separating the gold from the gravel. They relied on furs to supply them with such things as they required. The Yukon steam boats of the Alaska Commercial Co., brought in their necessities. There were also a few whites who had established trading posts at convenient places on the river, generally at the junction of a tributary. There was a spacious eddy for almost the whole distance (1 mile) on the river front of Dawson. The Klondike comes in about 100 yards above the eddy. It makes an ideal landing for any kind of small boats or flat barges. The eddy extends out about 150 or 200 feet to where the swift water is rushing by at seven miles an hour. The eddy was ideal too for "booms" for logs which had been driven down the Klondike. Truck wagons were driven out among the logs, on the hard rock and sand bottom where the logs floated in about a foot and a half of water, and loaded onto the wagons, over the wheels. There was a small coal mine up river at Minto, but wood was the principal medium of heat,

light and power. The N. W. M. P. barracks alone took 1400 cords in 1906. The 16 foot logs were of spruce, and remarkably light. The system was to "slash" the trees one winter, set fire and burn off the limbs the next summer and leave them to dry out in the sun all the next summer. Then cut them into 16 ft. lengths and haul them to the "landings" the next winter. The burnt bark was all knocked off them in the mad rush of the drive down the Klondike (nine miles per hour current). Robert Henderson of Aspen, Colorado was one of the people who heard the "whisperings" of a probable Golconda and the urge was so great that he was soon headed for the Yukon.

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