

Women

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Women Win Recognition In The Affairs Of Canada

Horizons are widening for Canadian women in almost every sphere of endeavor except politics according to the "Authoritative List of Women in Public Life in Canada" compiled by the Survey and Research Committee of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, under the chairmanship of Miss Nazla L. Dane, Toronto. The list was released today by the national office of The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

There are 11 women in Canada who are entitled to be addressed as "Your Worship", 99 who write "Alderman" in front of their names, and 250 on school boards. But in all of Canada there are only six women in Legislative Assemblies, two in the House of Commons and five in the Senate.

The B and P list does attest to the fact, however, that women are making a unique place for themselves in the economic life of Canada. In Alberta, Mrs. Amelia Johansen, Lethbridge, heads up an oil company, and Miss Annie B. Cook, Meanoak, is in charge of the federal magnetic observatory. Coaldale, Rimby and Trochu have women secretaries - treasurers for their municipalities. An important advance has been recorded also by Evelyn Berg in Red Deer, the first woman west of Winnipeg to be appointed an assistant accountant in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Two other members of her sex in Victoria, Mrs. Viola T. Harris and Miss Charlotte Montgomery have received similar appointments.

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On the credit side of the ledger in Canada's newest province is the appointment of Miss Mollie Dingle, St. John's, as principal of the Vera Perlin School for Retarded Children, and Miss Marjorie Mews as head librarian of the Gosling Memorial Library in the same city.

Down in Nova Scotia, Miss Evelyn Teresa Bennett, Glace Bay, was the winner of the Initial Schering Fellowship (\$4,000) for graduate study at a Canadian medical faculty. Mrs. Etta Fine, Sydney, was elected secretary - treasurer, Maritime Division, Dominion Chartered Customs House Brokers Association in 1954, and is now the N.B. representative on the Dominion Chartered Customs House Brokers Association for 1957-58.

With its larger industrial centres, Ontario offers wide opportunity for women interested in developing their special talents. The only woman in the world to have a sawfly named after her, Mrs. Eva Beckett, is a resident of Fort William. A famous naturalist, she and her husband spent 25 years in the Arctic region.

Miss Alma Duncan and Miss Dorothy Rogers as a trustee of St. James Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Eileen E. Cosiglio, Piedmont, and Mrs. Elsie Gibbons of Portage du Fort, have won majority posts in the province of Quebec. Another Quebec woman, Mrs. J. G. Coulombe, has been elected national vice - president of the Allied Florists and Growers of Canada. Adding to Quebec's stature also is Miss Lucille Wheeler, St. Jovite, who became the World's Champion skier at the recent meet in Switzerland. In Saskatchewan, Mrs. Bertie Gilroy Regina, and Miss Gladys Berney, Saskatoon, chair the credentials and resolutions committees of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labor, the first time women have been chosen to head up these important committees. Mrs. Ella Lewis, Saskatoon, is secretary of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans' Association for Saskatchewan and Mrs. Alice Turner of the same city is president of the Saskatchewan Library Association.

Topping the list of women's achievements was the appointment of Mrs. Ellen Fairclough to Prime Minister Diefenbaker's cabinet, the first Canadian woman to receive such recognition. Her contemporary, Margaret Aitken, who represents York-Humber in the House, was the first woman to be elected chairman of a parliamentary standing committee.

Mrs. Harry S. Quart, Quebec, was appointed a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations last fall and is Canada's representative on the commission for the Status of Women. Mrs. Ruth Houck, Barrington, Miss Caroline Robins, Saskatoon both B. and P. Members, and Mrs. Rex Eaton, Vancouver, are only women appointed to the Canadian UNESCO Commission, while Miss Dorothy Cadwell, Ottawa and Saskatoon, has been made acting secretary of the Civil Service Commission.

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DRY SPELL ENDS VANCOUVER (CP)—A 26-day dry spell ended Tuesday, bringing relief to farmers and lumber industries. The rainfall reduced the fire hazard in the forests and gave new life to grain, fruit and vegetable crops in the Fraser Valley.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Daisy Doris, daughter of Mrs. John Charles Gordon and the late Mr. Gordon, of Cardigan P.E.I., to Stuart Beach, son of

PAINTS 'N BRUSHES Attendance At CSEA Was A Broadening Experience

The report of the 1957 convention of the Canadian Society for Education through Art has just come to hand. Their meetings were held in Toronto last November, with a very large attendance of members, patrons, and people interested in art education from all over Canada (except P.E.I.).

The members of CSEA are art supervisors, heads of art schools, artists and art teachers. The patrons are firms anxious to give financial aid. CSEA began about five years ago under the chairmanship of Dr. C. D. Gaitskell, director of Art in the Ontario Department of Education, author of many books on child art, who also chaired the Bristol seminar on art education assembled by UN in 1952. It is affiliated with the International Society for Education through Art, and the Canada Arts Council.

The aims of the organization are of course to improve and promote art education all over Canada, and to see that it gets its rightful place on the school curriculum. Already B.C. and Saskatchewan give recognition to art majors, and Ontario is working on a course for Grade XIII. The qualifications of art teachers is being carefully studied.

The program of the convention was a most interesting one. Four different commissions sat to look into such things as: the role of art education in the Canadian community. There were addresses by such prominent people as Alan Jarvis, head of the National Gallery in Ottawa. There were expeditions to art galleries and museums, to art schools and private homes whose owners collect paintings. There were visits to the studios of prominent artists, and discussions with them.

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The May meeting of York Point Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Urban Gauthier with an attendance of 11 members present.

The meeting opened with the "ode" followed by the creed in unison. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and signed. School Committee reported. Sick Committee reported remembering a shut - in. Treasurer gave her report.

It was announced that a Garden Club meeting be held in the school May 9th, to re - organize the Garden Club. Notice was received that the district convention will be held on June 23rd, in Bonshaw Hall.

Plans were made to hold the 45 Anniversary on the evening of May 6th. Secretary was asked to send for receipt cards to canvass the district for Salvation Army.

The names of 14 former members who passed on will be inscribed in the Memorial Book. Mrs. Reggie MacEwen gave an interesting paper on Agriculture.

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