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EDITORIAL COMMENT

HAIL

"Home and Country" extends to Mrs. T. J. McDowell, the newly elected president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, the best of good wishes for her term of office. The Women's Institutes of Ontario are to be congratulated on having in a position of leadership a woman of the fine talent and understanding possessed by Mrs. McDowell. One of her responsibilities will be to preside over the meetings of the Provincial Board, half of the personnel of which changes each year. At the last meeting the following new members were greeted: Mrs. J. H. Carscallen, Bartonville; Mrs. W. Swanton, Markdale; Mrs. D. C. Garver, Fort William; Miss Bessie Ross, R.R. No. 2, Brockville; Mrs. J. McAuley, Charlton; Mrs. A. B. Samells, R.R. No. 1, Allenford; Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, Scotland; Mrs. T. J. Newman, Lorneville and Mrs. F. W. Bresse, Lyndhurst.

A warm welcome is also extended to the new presiding officers and secretaries who were elected to plan and take charge of the conventions for this year. Mrs. H. M. Lang, Monteith and Mrs. Hyde, Monteith, will be the new chairman and secretary for the Cochrane and Temiskaming area. Algoma and St. Joseph Island district will have their programme directed by Mrs. O. C. Alderson, Gordon Lake, as chairman and Miss M. Hollingsworth, MacLennan, as secretary. Mrs. Ferguson will be one of the new officers in charge of the Manitoulin Convention. Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay will have the services of Mrs. Jessie Cooper, Fort William, as Chairman and Mrs. C. I. Russell, Port Arthur as secretary. The Muskoka and Parry Sound Convention will be directed by Mrs. Geo. Duffy, Callander, and Mrs. Herbert Alkins, Callander. Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Galt, and Mrs. F. Wilson, London, will be the new chairman and secretary to take charge of the London Convention. The two officers, Mrs. J. F. Davis, Warton, and Mrs. R. J. Gates, Colpoys's Bay will take the responsibility for the Huron, Bruce, N. Perth and N. Wellington area. The Barrie, Kingston, and Belleville areas have new presidents—respectively, Mrs. R. M. Black, Elmvale; Mrs. C. S. Stewart, Harrowsmith and Mrs. Holmes, Belleville. The Toronto Convention has a new

secretary, Mrs. F. M. H. Halliday, Brooklyn.

The Hamilton and Ottawa conventions kept their good officers of 1935 for the coming year of 1936. Mrs. M. B. Weese, Rednersville, and Mrs. G. W. McNaughton, Sydenham, continue to do the secretarial work for the Belleville and Kingston Conventions, respectively. Mrs. H. Harris will continue as president of the Toronto area.

FAREWELL

Farewell is not being said to Mrs. R. B. Colloton, for the past three years president of the Federation of Women's Institutes of Ontario, with any sense of finality, as she will still be on the Provincial Board as honorary vice-president. This new position does not carry with it the same sense of activity and initiative, as that which she formerly occupied. However, Ontario Women's Institutes are fortunate to have her retained in a position where they may profit from her good council. Her generous understanding and ability to see the facts of a case and make her judgments accordingly, have straightened out many tangled problems. This has taken courage and Mrs. Colloton has had the power to make her courage and foresight contagious wherever she meets with Women's Institutes. Among Mrs. Colloton's permanent contributions to the Women's Institutes is the clarification of many problems on organization.

After being associated with the Provincial Board for eight years, Mrs. A. E. Walker, Bartonville, has retired as honorary president. During her regime as president, Mrs. Walker was responsible for the successful organization of the treasury.

The following members of the Board retired: Mrs. D. B. Fraser, Port Arthur; Mrs. A. Davis, Lakefield; Mrs. D. Johnson, Matheson; Mrs. C. Smith, Harrowsmith; Miss E. Besley, Shelbourne; Mrs. F. Tanner, Vars; Mrs. J. E. Houck, Chippewa, and Mrs. A. E. Linnington, Paris.

The London Convention area paid tribute to the retiring president and secretary, Mrs. B. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Norman Anderson. The Barrie, Belleville, Kingston and Cochrane areas appreciated the help of their retiring presidents, Mrs. D. G. Bell, Mrs. W. R. Munro, Mrs. C. F. Myers and Mrs. P. McLachlan, respectively. The 1935 presidents of the Manitoulin and Algoma areas, Mrs. W. Edmunds and Mrs. H. McCrea, did not accept office for the coming year. Mrs. G. D. Haines and Mrs. C. de Forest retired as chief executives of the Muskoka and Parry Sound Convention, and Mrs. Jas. Bisset and Mrs. H. Tichbourne retired after carrying on the Convention at Goderich. Mrs. A. Armstrong, secretary for Toronto Convention area handed over the work to a new secretary.

We do not say farewell to these retiring officers for they will carry their experience into further use, whether it is to higher office or being that most important functionary, an excellent Women's Institute member.

Financial Statement Oct, 1, 1934—Sept. 30th, 1935
Federated Women's Institutes

An examination of the following financial report will show that the expenditures and the receipts of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario just about balance each year. The federation fee of 10 cents for each member seems to be satisfactory at the present time. The reserve fund of about \$5,000.00 was built up a few years ago and is desirable from the standpoint of security and as a means of meeting possible emergencies.

Receipts

Balance in bank	\$5,063.40
Federation dues	3,553.86
Pins	66.82
Refund—Mr. Putnam "Home and Country"	25.08
Song sheets	7.86
Bank interest	88.20
	\$8,805.22

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

I not only wish the Women's Institutes of the Province of Ontario a happy and successful New Year, but I can confidently expect this splendid body to accomplish a great deal during the year 1936.

I have observed their work during the year that is just past, and it has been my pleasure to attend a number of the gatherings at central places held by your organization, and in every case I have seen evidences of constructive and useful work which makes this one of the leading women's organizations in the whole of Canada.

I wish to congratulate the Junior Institutes or what they have achieved in the past year, and to express the high hopes, which I have no doubt I am justified in having, with respect to their work for 1936. Some months ago, I viewed a very fine display of the handiwork of these Ontario girls, which was on exhibition in the Department of Agriculture. This display showed the good taste and excellent ability of the members of our Junior Institutes, and I am sure every one of them will be glad to say that she is able to do better work of this kind because of the useful instruction carried on by the Institutes throughout the Province.

It has been a great pleasure to members of the Institutes to learn that Her Excellency The Lady Tweedsmuir has been a prominent supporter of the Scottish Rural Women's Institutes across the water, and that she has consented to become the Honorary President of the Women's Institutes for the Province of Ontario. This interest, particularly in rural life as we find it in the country, town and village districts in this Province, has always been characteristic of the educated and cultured people of Great Britain, all of whom have very firm faith in the people who live outside the great industrial centres, especially in an agricultural country like Canada.

I have been very pleased at the many expressions of high regard for Miss McDermand, the Superintendent of Women's Institutes, which have come to me from every part of the Province, and particularly from those who have been doing leading work in the Ontario Women's Institutes over a period of years.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Yours Sincerely,

DUNCAN MARSHALL, Minister of Agriculture.

GREETINGS FROM THE
PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT
HELEN McDOWELL

The New Year is a time for stock-taking.

As we look back over the past years of achievement in Women's Institute activities, we feel the joy and reward of work well done, but realize also that the future holds new opportunities for advancement.

We must at all times be progressive, and, with this thought in mind, I trust the Institute members will become more aware of the advantages of the educational services which have been planned for them as Ontario homemakers, and by cordial cooperation incorporate new and progressive methods of procedure in their 1936 programmes.

Many new branches have joined our ranks and these vigorous young members are welcomed to the Federation. Without a doubt the new contacts formed will stimulate activities in the various communities concerned.

The Institute women have ever been guided by high ideals and to all their tasks have brought ability and sincerity of purpose, rendering happy and effective service wherever needed. They have learned that, "We are richer for what we give and only by giving we live".

Our hearts are aglow at this season of the year, and the spirit of good will, kindlier feelings and good cheer irradiates our pathway. Let us strive to keep this spirit throughout the coming year.

CITIZENSHIP BUILDING
STRESSED BY CONVENER
OF EDUCATION

The Women's Institutes of Ontario show an ever increasingly aroused interest in matters educational. Many of the old aims, and methods of education of the past are being discarded as obsolete and are being replaced by a new conception of its real purpose—character, culture and citizenship building, and, as a result, the Institutes are directing their energies and bending their efforts to help attain these great ends.

From the local community interest which was first developed, there has gradually come into being a pronounced national consciousness—a consciousness that each true Canadian woman citizen is an integral part of one great organization with individual responsibilities which cannot be shirked or assigned to another without weakening our social, political or educational institutions.

To properly develop this national consciousness, arrangement must be made for systematic study, and most careful selection is needed that the sources of information may be of that character which will be productive of the truest constructive activities and spirit.

We are not likely to perish in Canada for want of ideas. They are plentiful but ideas without education to digest them means chaos. The call is for wise leadership and constructive programmes that will meet the need.

We are living in an ever changing age where a splendid generation is in process of development. They need steadying and wise handling, because conditions have changed so much during the last few years. But they are worthy all the study and careful guidance we can give them.

The aim of the Women's Institutes is to measure up to their responsibilities in this matter and they would gladly welcome helpful suggestions in meeting their problems of today. (Mrs. J. M. Abbott, Erin, Provincial Convener of Education).

DO YOU KNOW

What business was transacted at your annual school meeting?

In what grade your school was placed by the Inspector and if there is any assistance you can offer to better conditions?

What are the necessary qualifications for a school trustee?

How are we governed?

Expenditures	
Dominion Fed. allocation	\$ 500.00
Country Women of the World	25.00
Convention grants	400.00
Peace Garden	100.00
Dist. ann's, conventions, etc.	599.14
Board meetings	1,034.70
Stationery and supplies	122.88
Pins	73.09
Delegates to Biennial	228.50
Home and Country	552.25
Bonding secy. & honorarium	287.00
Auditor	10.00
Gift to Mr. Putnam	60.56
Exchange	24.06
Refund	.90
President's expenses	75.00
	\$4,712.14

Balance in bank
Certified correct,
J. C. PRIOR, Auditor.