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MARITIME INSTITUTES CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

It was Women's Institute silver jubilee time in the Maritime provinces this summer—all three provinces celebrating their twenty-fifth year of service "For Home and Country". New Brunswick started the festivities at its annual convention in June, Prince Edward Island followed the same month, while Nova Scotia "W.I.N.S." staged this important "silver record" event in August. All paid tributes to their founders—New Brunswick, to Mrs. Porter, Prince Edward Island to Miss James, Charlottetown, and Nova Scotia to Dr. Melville Cumming, former principal of Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Secretary of Agriculture.

Today there are 593 Women's Institutes in the Maritimes. Prince Edward Island leads with 254, New Brunswick 179 and Nova Scotia 140. Analyzing the ratio of "The Island's" institutes to population, one cannot but help note the power of this women's organization. Think of a thousand branches of the same organization in the city of Montreal. That is the proportional strength of the Prince Edward Island Women's Institutes.

All Maritime Women's Institutes have studied home economics through short courses and have carried on practical community work, such as building halls, establishing parks, beautifying communities, starting libraries, providing sport places and equipment. All are co-operating with the Youth Training Agreement launched by the Dominion Government and all have contributed to the upkeep of the International Peace Garden, between North Dakota and Manitoba, in which the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada has an acre.

Convention Speakers

All conventions were addressed by distinguished government officials, His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor M. McLaren of New Brunswick, His Honour Lieutenant-Governor De Blois of Prince Edward Island, Honourable Thane Campbell, Premier of Prince Edward Island, and Honourable Angus L. Macdonald, Prime Minister of Nova Scotia presented greetings or gave addresses at convention sessions in various provinces.

Other nationally known speakers on the convention programmes were:

New Brunswick—Professor C. A. Krug, B.A., B.D., of Sackville University, who spoke on "The Qualities of Leadership in a Democracy"; R.W. Tufts, Wolfville, who told of "Birds and Wild Animals in Their Native Haunts"; R. T. Albrant, "Recreational Leadership in Rural Communities"; and Mr. and Mrs. Kjeld Deichman, Moss Glen, who gave a demonstration on New Brunswick Pottery and Weaving.

Prince Edward Island—Dr. Harry S. Thompson, Toronto, Field Secretary Canadian Dental Hygiene Council; Miss Hilda Gillis, Visual Education; Dr. Kingsley Roberts, Medical Director Bureau Co-operative Medicine; Mr. Walter Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Dr. Creelman, Charlottetown on "Tuberculosis"; and Miss Ida Gallant, Extension Department, St. Francis Xavier University.

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Superintendent of Women's Institutes Resigns



BESSIE CAMERON McDERMAND

Miss McDermand
completes four
years of service
in the
Department of
Agriculture.

Dear Women's Institute Members:

The last four years have been both busy and happy ones for me, and I am glad I have had the opportunity of spending them in Ontario working in the Women's Institute Branch. Your friendliness and kindly co-operation have been important factors in whatever progress may have been made.

I assure you I shall always remember the Women's Institutes of Ontario. At the fireside of our New England home, my Canadian husband and I will often discuss your fine ideals, activities and accomplishments.

With best of good wishes I am,

Very sincerely yours,

BESS McDERMAND,
(Mrs. Guy Skinner).

Nova Scotia—Honourable John A. Macdonald, Minister of Agriculture; Mrs. Nellie McClung, Victoria, B.C., noted author and member Canadian Radio Commission; Honourable Cairine Wilson, first woman senator in Canada; Miss Jennie Fraser, New Glasgow, first Women's Institute superintendent, and Miss Annie Stuart, a former national Women's Institute president.

Outstanding Accomplishments

Some of the outstanding accomplishments reported at these conventions were:

New Brunswick — Establishment of Martha Harvey Scholarship; 15 district conventions; work of girls' garment-making clubs; short course schools; St. John's expenditure of \$216.00 for cod liver oil for needy families.

Prince Edward Island—Organization of seven new institutes; 36 district conventions; nine short courses under youth training movement; ten dental clinics which served 225 children; 108 new subscribers to Institute paper; and work of junior institutes.

Nova Scotia — Writing "Silver Record" a history of Women's Institute origin and growth in province; correspondence courses and demonstrations; starting institute schools and local leader training groups; 14 district rallies; Women's Institute paper, the first of its kind in Canada—established in 1923; and junior club work.

Sanitation Programme

The proposed rural sanitation programme, planned by the Federated Institutes of Canada was described at the New Brunswick Convention by Miss Hilota Dykeman, provincial health convener and the Prince Edward Island Convention by Mrs. Allison MacMillan, National Women's Institute convener of the project.

All provincial presidents—Mrs. A. D. McCain, New Brunswick; Mrs. Freeman Lank, Nova Scotia; Mrs. L. B. Mellish, Prince Edward Island; and superintendents — Miss Alma Weldon, New Brunswick; Miss Helen J. Macdougall, Nova Scotia; and Miss Mary G. Macdonald, Prince Edward Island, gave practical and inspirational talks.

(Contributed by Elizabeth Bailey Price).

ONTARIO CONVENTIONS DISCOVER FINE COMMITTEE WORK

Ideal weather and good roads helped contribute to the success of the five northern Ontario Conventions. The executives planned and carried through good educational programmes with sufficient variety to maintain interest.

Each area selected some special theme for consideration in addition to the reports and discussions on the activities of the past year.

The Temiskaming Area featured a discussion on new legislation under the leadership of the member of their legislature. He gave helpful information. Algoma and Rainy River also emphasized legislation. In Algoma, a local woman lawyer spoke on protective laws and the status of Canadian women as citizens. Pasteurization was the phase discussed at Fort Frances in the Rainy River Area. The local medical health officer led the discussion and gave much information on the act enforcing pasteurization. The convention unanimously supported the measure. This was worthy of note when one learned that many persons in the area were not wholeheartedly in accord with this legislation.

Agriculture received special consideration at the Muskoka and Parry Sound gathering. Two agricultural representatives discussed some of the problems of northern agriculture. The Barrie Convention gave attention to grading and marketing by having a commercial fruit expert discuss such problems. The questions which followed the speaker's address gave evidence of the interest in the subject, and the information received was appreciated.

Canadianization

Two of the conventions gave prominence to Canadianization, discussing ways of helping new Canadians and also pointing out the importance of developing and maintaining good citizenship in the native born Canadian. One of the areas advised more wide-spread use of Canadian songs, as a helpful way to maintain national loyalty.

An open discussion of district annual meetings, programme planning, and welfare activities was taken up at three of the conventions. District officers or leaders presented various aspects of district work such as projects, annual programmes and reports of conveners and advisable methods of handling district reports.

Education was to the fore in one convention where the principal of the school discussed The Unusual Child. Vocational education was presented under the able leadership of the principal of the local technical school who emphasized the importance of women and girls being familiar with the science of home-making. Both consumer and safety education were also discussed briefly. Delegates felt they had received definite helps to carry back to their institutes.

Health received special consideration in one area, and will be studied by all institutes in the area this coming year, with the guidance of a plan of work furnished by the area chairman who is a qualified health worker.

Kingston featured a drama competition. After the four plays were presented by representatives of four of the districts in the area, the adjudicator gave most valuable and helpful criticisms, pointing out, in a

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