

F.W.I.C. REPORT

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The Manitoba Advisory Board urged some method of closer contact between the average W.I. member and F.W.I.C. The news sheet of F.W.I.C. is now being sent to every Women's Institute in the province, and I would urge that a few minutes be devoted to this news sheet at the meeting following its receipt. In fact, there is sufficient material in it to have a short discussion at each meeting. In this way we will be kept informed.

The Manitoba W.I. Advisory Board also presented a motion that the F.W.I.C. send out the tentative programme for the Biennial convention at least three months before the date set for the meeting; also that they send resolutions to be presented, so the delegates would have sufficient time to acquaint their province with the question and know the feeling of the Institute. In this way they would be able to vote more intelligently, with the wishes of their provinces in mind.

Resolutions and recommendations also came in from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, which will be presented to the full board meeting for their adoption and action. But it was felt that British Columbia's resolution "that we give support to the cause of the Wartime Price and Trade Board in their effort to prevent inflation", should be accepted now.

Mrs. Cameron Dow gave a report of the meeting of representatives of national women's organizations which she attended in Ottawa representing the F.W.I.C. This meeting had been called by Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Price and Trade Board, and the Finance Minister, Hon. Mr. Isley. The outcome of this is familiar to all. Literature has been sent to all W.I. members. All Institutes have been asked to appoint liaison officers in their local Institutes and districts. Price record books have been distributed, W.I. members have been appointed to the regional advisory committees, and W.I. members all over Canada are giving their support to this phase of war work.

Health Insurance Plans

Mrs. Dunham reported on the work she had done in co-operating with Dr. J. J. Heagerty, who had been named chairman of an Advisory Committee on Health Insurance. Dr. Heagerty wished to have a representative of rural women on this committee. He felt the best approach was through the Women's Institutes and asked for names of members who would act on this committee. Mrs. Dunham had submitted names of Health or Social Welfare conveners for the Dominion in most cases to represent the F.W.I.C. You have read of the appointment of Ontario's Social Welfare convenue, Mrs. Earl Haney of Aylmer, to this committee. Unfortunately, Dr. Heagerty states, no money has been provided for travelling for any members of the committee and much of the work of this committee will, of necessity, be done by correspondence.

Mrs. Petch of Hemmingford, P.Q., who was the W.I. representative to a meeting of the Canadian Welfare Council, submitted a comprehensive report. It dealt with the problems facing the Welfare Council in health and social work. It urged greater co-operation and support not only for civilians, but for the men and women in the services, in the eradication of social diseases.

A financial statement of the Regional Conference, which had been held in Ottawa in September, 1941, was presented. You will remember that at the Biennial meeting in Fredericton, it was decided to support this meeting financially to the extent of \$500.00. This full amount has not been used, and \$182.00 still remained. A discussion arose as to what should be done with this money, and it was suggested that a recommendation should

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FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO

President—Mrs. Clarence Holmes, R.R. 3, Belleville.

Subdivisions and Board Members 1942-43

No.	District in Subdivisions	Board Member 1942-43.
1.	Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Russell, Stormont	Mrs. A. McInnis, Iroquois.
2.	Carleton, Lanark, Renfrew	Mrs. J. H. Findley, Arnprior.
3.	Addington, Brockville, Frontenac, Leeds, Lennox	Mrs. Reade Roblin, R.R. 1, Bath.
4.	Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward	Mrs. H. Wicks, Cobourg.
5.	Durham, Ontario, Peterboro, Victoria	Mrs. F. E. Birdsall, R.R. 1, Birdsall.
6.	Peel, York	Mrs. J. Reid, R.R. 1, Islington.
7.	Dufferin, Grey	Mrs. E. Patterson, Shelburne.
8.	Halton, Waterloo, Wellington C., Wellington S.	Mrs. T. D. Cowan, R.R. 3, Galt.
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10.	Simcoe	Mrs. Joseph Jardine, R.R. 2, Collingwood.
11.	Lincoln, Welland, Wentworth	Mrs. H. Summers, R.R. 1, Fonthill.
12.	Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk	Mrs. L. W. Challand, R.R. 1, Port Dover.
13.	Huron W., Middlesex E., Oxford, Perth S.	Mrs. Fred Oster, Blyth.
14.	Elgin, Essex, Kent	Mrs. Chas. Skipper, R.R. 1, Tilbury.
15.	Huron S., Lambton, Middlesex N., Middlesex W.	Mrs. Arthur Rundle, R.R. 3, Exeter.
16.	Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Sudbury	Mrs. R. Butler, Port Carling.
17.	Cochrane, Temiscaming	Mrs. L. Morrissey, Charlton.
18.	Algoma, Manitoulin, St. Joseph Island	Mrs. T. E. Dawson, Sault Ste. Marie.
19.	Thunder Bay	Mrs. J. Cooper, 209 N. Marks St., Fort William.
20.	Kenora, Rainy River	Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Barwick.

PROVINCIAL CONVENERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES 1942-43

Agriculture and Canadian Industries	Mrs. F. E. Birdsall, R.R. 1, Birdsall.
Home Economics	Mrs. Reade Roblin, R.R. 1, Bath.
Historical Research and Current Events	Mrs. Gordon Maynard, Unionville.
Citizenship	Mrs. T. D. Cowan, R.R. 3, Galt.
Social Welfare	Mrs. J. Reid, R.R. 1, Islington.
Publicity	Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater.
War Work	Mrs. L. W. Challand, R.R. 2, P. Dover.
Resolutions	Mrs. E. Duke, Port Carling.

Note: The above information was made available just before this issue of "Home and Country" went to press. A picture and biographical sketch of Mrs. Holmes, newly-elected President, and details of the annual meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Board will appear in the Winter 1942-43 issue.

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go to the next Biennial meeting, that this amount be used as a nucleus of an Emergency Fund. An Institute in Alberta had disbanded and sent a War Saving Certificate valued at \$100.00 to the F.W.I.C. It was thought this too might be put in the Emergency Fund. This will be another matter to decide at the next Biennial meeting.

The President, Mrs. Dunham, in reporting the progress which she had made in respect to the W.I. War Savings Stamp folder, urged that all W.I. Superintendents, officers and members support and give publicity to this method of raising money for Canada's war work. A supply of these folders has been sent to every Institute in Ontario. More are available for the asking, and some have already written for more.

Each province has its own financial set-up, its own rulings as to the amount each W.I. and W.I. member will pay into the Provincial treasury. In Ontario ten cents out of every twenty-five cent membership fee is sent to the Provincial treasurer; in Nova Scotia, twenty-five cents per member is the allotment to the Pro-

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NEWS FLASHES

South Huron District.—"Has sent, since April 15, 1942, 500 pounds of maple sugar, 700 pounds of good reading matter, 32 quilts and 300 knitted articles for Canadian sailors."

Mill Creek, South Waterloo.—"One member, a busy farm woman, makes time for the hobby of painting. Had a display of her work and tour of local newspaper office."

New Hamburg, South Waterloo.—"Had a shipwreck party, guests coming in costume—deck games played."

Puslinch, South Wellington.—"Sponsored an amateur musical program with splendid results."

Crediton, South Huron.—"Co-operative program in foods gave new ideas of cooking vegetables and making salads and the need of these in the daily diet."

Cooper and Remington, Marmora, North Hastings.—"Since demonstration on whole wheat, a great many of the members are using whole wheat flour and recipes given out by local leader."

Allenford, East Bruce.—"Renovation of clothing project was a real success. The leader divided the class into two groups, 10 ladies in each, which met once a week for 6 weeks."

Ospringe, Centre Wellington.—"A travelling library procured from the Provincial Department of Education, was much enjoyed by the community."

Blackwell, West Lambton.—"Entertained 'New Canadian Neighbours' at one meeting and had a display of their handicrafts. One of the women from Holland gave an account of home life in her own country."

Avening, West Simcoe.—"For the past three months has studied citizenship. Found the papers given most interesting. Some fine discussions resulted."

Stayner, West Simcoe.—"The well known historical authority, David Williams of Collingwood, gave an address on the story of Simcoe County, remarking that there is more history between Severn River and Blue Mountains than in any other county in the province."

Glandeboye, North Middlesex.—"Home Nursing class a great success with fifty ladies taking the course."

Marsville, Dufferin.—"The teacher gave a talk on Arts and Crafts including a splendid display of work of pupils in this line."

Gowanstown, North Perth.—"Programmes very helpful. Members have received new ideas which could be adapted in their own homes; are stimulated and happier and better able to carry on due to this social intercourse."

Jubilee, Frontenac.—"Mrs. Bervey, a native Russian, gave very interesting and instructive address on Russia; also contributed several selections of Russian music."

Wales, Stormont.—"Demonstration on Vegetable Cookery, very helpful. As a result, more are using dried vegetables. Lima beans almost unknown before this."

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vincial fund; in Quebec fifty cents per member is the allotment, and in New Brunswick each Institute pays two dollars and fifty cents into the Provincial fund. I thought this information might be interesting to you. It came out of a discussion of Provincial finances. As Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario were the four provinces represented, no information on the manner in which the western provinces are financed was available.

We were all pleased to know that Mrs. Dunham, who had been ill, was so much improved in health, and able to attend the meetings, which were held Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, afternoon and evening, and Thursday morning.

Read carefully the "Federated News" and keep informed of the work and undertakings of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

LETTER FRIENDS

Do these words inspire you to make the acquaintance of some overseas Women's Institute correspondents? Recently Mrs. Russell, who arranges the English letter friends, has sent us names of some additional women who would like Canadian correspondents.

Would you care to go on the "Waiting List" and accept some of these requests as they come in? The loan office of the Women's Institute Branch keeps a "Waiting File" for this purpose.

Just how much that popular Australian song "Waltzing Matilda" has contributed to the dispatch with which the recent requests from Australian women for Ontario letter friends were filled, we are not sure. Suffice it to say that the Australian requests secured correspondents without delay. To date this year, we have contacted fifteen new correspondents, including four from Australia.

Could we add your name as waiting correspondent to be linked up overseas as these requests come in? If we may, write to the Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.