

Leaders of conference discussion groups. Left to right. Back row: Mrs. R. J. Penney (chairman), Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, Mrs. D. L. MacNaughton, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Elgin Smith. Front row: Mrs. G. Holder, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Allen Dickinson, Mrs. Don McCosh.



progress. Central committees have been set up and the Women's Institutes will have a lot to do with the success of the survey.

### Women Around the World

Introducing the slides taken on her trip to the A.C.W.W. Conference in Ceylon, Mrs. Summers referred to the East as a place of contrasts. Sometimes, she said, the beauty of the country was obscured by the poverty of the people, by women doing work that was too heavy for them, by the crowding of families living in one room, the women gathering around an old stove in the yard to do the family cooking. Delegates to the conference had been entertained in some beautiful homes with many servants; but the contrast was so great between these homes and the poverty of others. Mrs. Summers spoke of the very modern fish processing plant given to Ceylon through the Colombo plan and of the help such a gift will be to the country. She mentioned the care that must be taken to give help wisely. Ways of working such as having a large staff sweeping a hotel with brooms may seem primitive but new ways must not be introduced so suddenly as to take away the people's employment.

### Discussion Groups

As chairman of the group discussion session, Mrs. R. J. Penney did a great deal of preliminary work with the leaders and gave the conference a summary of the findings of the groups. Perhaps these points may be of special interest:

On the problem of getting new members, the suggestion was made that branches should do more to encourage new Canadians to become members. In sponsoring a baby clinic a branch came into contact with women who

were interested in the Institute programme. It was suggested that when a woman joins the Institute she should be given a W.I. brochure to acquaint her with the organization.

One suggestion for getting officers was to let members participate by asking them to suggest possible officers, giving these names to the nominating committee.

Raising money and how to spend it were topics for discussion. Groups agreed they were not in favour of amassing huge sums of money but that it is necessary to be financially sound. Some methods of raising funds in addition to the usual catering, teas and bazaars were a calico ball, plays and variety concerts as either a branch or a district project, various types of sales—plants and bulbs, pre-Christmas handicraft, vegetables, a superfluity sale. Branches were advised to draw up a budget, planning for the expenses they know they must meet and projects they want to support. The question of appeals was discussed. Women said they did not want to become narrow in their giving but they felt the needs of the community should come first. One idea was to give to just one outside appeal each year.

The question came up, whether one person should hold two offices such as president and district director, and the advice was that it is sounder policy to have offices distributed among as many people as possible.

There was a live discussion on the part women can play in promoting safety. The importance of setting a good example for children was stressed; and of promoting good family relations because when people are edgy and disturbed they are more accident prone. Branches could have roll calls, films and panel discussions on safety; and talks by firemen, policemen, civil defence and St.