

West Fort William's International Meeting had this display of articles from many countries. With the display are Mrs. N. Baker and Mrs. D. McKechnie.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS and PROJECTS



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A LIVE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

By Edith A. Purcell

AN INTERNATIONAL DISPLAY of articles featured the meeting of the West Fort William Women's Institute in February. Some of the articles were a souvenir of the police force (1894-1903) of the Austro-Hungarian Empire; beautiful hand-carved wooden figures from Germany; a hand-carved mother-of-pearl brooch and earrings by natives of Cyprus; a prayer mat from Tunisia; hand-carved animals from Kenya; spoons with gold nuggets on the handles from the Yukon; Eskimo carving in soapstone; and brass articles from India. The articles were loaned by Institute members and the display was in charge of Mrs. N. Baker and Mrs. D. McKechnie. Samples of coins from 17 countries were attractively mounted in a frame with the name of the country and the type of coin given below each piece. The name of each country represented in the display was mounted on a gold card and a small flag of that country was standing alongside.

This was an open meeting of the Women's Institute with friends and members from every Branch in Thunder Bay invited to attend. Over one hundred gathered to enjoy the interesting program, one part of which was the visiting Women's Institutes' response to the roll call by telling the number of countries represented in each membership.

Mr. Jack Morton, principal of Victoria Park School, who has had a great deal of experience in teaching English to new Canadians, spoke of the difficulties encountered by the newcomers on arrival in Canada. Many with highly skilled training found it necessary to work in menial jobs until they could overcome the language barrier, when they could study and take exams to rehabilitate themselves in their own field. Some European countries have a great deal of education; others do not. In Italy and Greece, the average amount of schooling is four to five years. Mr. Morton said 2,000,000 have entered Canada since the end of the war. He said, "These people have created jobs, and the more people we can get the more prosperous we will become." He closed with a demonstration of how English is taught to New Canadians.

Several countries were represented in the varied program. Wendy Siegrist performed an Irish jig and the English hornpipe, both in costume; Mrs. E. Sora, in Finnish costume, and accompanied by Mrs. H. Laine, sang Finlandia in Finnish. Colorful Ukrainian folk dances with the participants attired in national costume of bright colors were performed by Olga Stasiw, Sylvia Kuzek, Evelyn Gulowaty, Elaine Hucal, Olga Cham, Yvonne Kuzenko and Mr. Maurice Hrycyszn, accompanied by accordionist R. Donylych and violinist E. Ciwak under F. Kuzenko.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. N. Vickruck, District president of Thunder Bay North, Mrs. C. M. Docking, District president of Thunder