

Resolution re support of Children's Aid Society requesting that information regarding the abuse of children be given without fear or prosecution:

The Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of the Department of Public Welfare has stated that new sections of the Child Welfare Act passed in the last session of the House, has provided for this and in fact, requires that such information be provided to the proper authorities.

Resolution re abolishing fees for Tweedsmuir Curators at Registry Offices.

"This required considerable correspondence," Mrs. Lymburner reported, "since Mr. Richard E. Priddle to whom the letter was written had never heard of us or the Tweedsmuir Histories and as a result we were asked for a 'reference.' Miss McKercher and I discussed the possibility of having the Honourable W. A. Stewart as a reference and as a result, the Minister sent a letter on to Mr. Priddle to tell him who we are! To date I have heard nothing further but a check will be made before the Board Meeting."

Resolution re legalized abortion in certain instances.

A letter from the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Lucien Cardin and another from the Minister of Health and Welfare, the Honourable Judy LaMarsh have both indicated that the matter will be considered when revisions of the Criminal Code are being made.

Resolution re the use of "Clearing In The West" by Nellie McClung

A letter from the Minister of Education, the Honourable William G. Davis indicates that the recommendation that this book be used in schools will be brought to the attention of the Library Supervisor and the staff responsible for preparing the lists of reference and resource books in the courses of study.

Resolution re extension of facilities at MacDonald Institute

This resolution was forwarded to both the Minister of Education and the Minister of Agriculture. The reply from the former indicates that it is his understanding that the University of Guelph is giving consideration to this matter.

The reply from the Honourable W. A. Stewart gives assurance that the Board of Governors of the University is being given every encouragement to extend the Institute's facilities. He added that he personally gave his whole-hearted support to this request.

Resolution re Water Resources

Copies of this resolution were prepared and on the Board's recommendation were sent to the conveners suggesting that this could become a study project under Agriculture — one

which would have far-reaching results. Recently, there have been conferences on this matter and the consensus seems to be that "not how much water but the quality" is the real problem. We are also told that at least one manufacturer will have a detergent on the market within the year which will remove the "suds" from the water in lakes and streams and the residue is not harmful. There are also plans being discussed for the use of spray from the air to rid bodies of water of algae.

During the year a copy of a resolution came to the convener asking for advice. "This dealt with the use of green belts for industry," Mrs. Lymburner explained, "I do not know whether this resolution was finally dealt with at a convention in that area but I consulted with Mr. A. LeMasurier of the Department of Economics and Development who said that the resolution was one of the most promising things he had seen in some time. I have received from him a copy of a speech dealing with this matter. If copies could be used, I am sure he would provide them. It deals with regional development and shows what happens when there is no interest in planning."

Green Belts and Industry

Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, Past President F.W.I.O. presented the following emergency resolution:

"Whereas the matter of diminishing water resources and the retention of green belts becomes an increasing problem for both rural and urban communities and

Whereas it appears that members of this organization should be best informed as to these problems and prime movers in any plan for the alleviation of local conditions;

Therefore, be it resolved that a study project be instituted for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to be used in branches and districts with a view to engendering proposals for direction to the proper authorities

And be it further resolved that a committee be set up at this time to prepare resource material for study kits to be made available to Area and District conveners with a covering letter stating the object of the study."

For An Institute Centre at Stoney Creek

"Every year many people travel thousands of miles from all parts of the world to visit Stoney Creek, the birthplace of the Women's Institute only to find that we have nothing but a plaque to commemorate this historic event," said Mrs. Russell Wise, chairman of a committee appointed in 1964 to investigate the possibilities of purchasing and preserving the Erland Lee Homestead at Stoney Creek, as a Women's Institute historic property.