

"Friends, Fun, Ideas—now action" on their program and on the black board was frequently heard in respect to the convention. The get-acquainted party on the first evening was a rollicking happy affair with games and songs. A flair at musical chairs proved a marvellous mixer and heaps of fun. They sang old and modern songs and started learning the Hymn of All Nations. This was sung at their banquet with Mrs. Butters singing it beautifully as a solo and then all singing together. I hope sometime you may hear a tape recording of it.

It was great fun for all of us after the banquet to watch the drum dance band and dancers. We would have enjoyed it more had we become a part of it. A number of the delegates of course were very familiar with it and took part in it.

Setting sights for good meetings had to do with regular meetings on a set date at a definite time, with topic stated, with someone responsible for it—programs planned in advance—orderly procedures, participation of members, etc.—just those essentials for good meetings we forever talk about in Ontario and more or less take for granted.

### **A Happy Atmosphere**

Mrs. Matheson graciously chaired the session, ever encouraging the timid quiet speakers and waiting for the hesitant ones. This, along with delegates considering it their convention after having been involved in the planning did much to create a happy climate throughout meetings. Here is what Bertha Allen said about this in *THE DRUM*. "We spent a most enjoyable four days at the W.I. meeting. It was planned for a three day convention, but we all talked too long and got behind on our agenda, so we had an extra afternoon and part of Saturday morning to finish our meeting. This has been the first time, to my knowledge, that I saw the Eskimo and Indian ladies were not too shy to get up in front of all the other delegates and talk about their own projects in their communities. It was because we all made each other feel at ease, the warm friendship of everyone and the interest we had one for the other". They were indeed a friendly, kindly, understanding group; it was a great joy to work with them.

Mrs. Wilson's attendance at the convention gave her an opportunity to learn more and more about our Northern citizens. She visited two settlements briefly with the president—Aklavik and Fort Providence, saw delegates in action, met and chatted with them throughout the convention. They learned from her and that Northern Lights is forever news

hungry. Undoubtedly from here on more news will continually find its way to the editor's desk.

After her arrival she assumed duties in respect to publicity.

### **Fish Demonstration**

Sometime ago a branch had asked for food demonstrations, so before leaving Toronto a request was made for Miss M. Myer, Chief, Consumer Branch of Canada Department of Fisheries, to attend the convention and demonstrate on "Ways With Fish". It was somewhat disconcerting to find local people who know considerable about fish just not too interested. However, Miss Myer came and won both their interest and admiration with her fish dishes, including a fish Chowder with jack-fish which they told her was used only for dog food. In spite of that they apparently enjoyed it since they came back for more. It may be they are now serving jack-fish chowder and other fish dishes demonstrated by Miss Myer.

### **Make Canada Lovelier**

Make Canada Lovelier—All branches gave three minute reports on what they have been doing and what they are planning to do. Some had achieved considerable while others were not too far beyond pickup, tidyup campaign once a year. It became apparent to all through presentations that much can be accomplished by more continual work and through definite planning. They stand in readiness as Institute members to make their own particular corner as attractive as possible.

### **Northern Gardens**

Gardening is difficult in the north, impossible in some places, but two ardent gardeners Father Adam of Grollier Hall and Mr. Fred Weale, Federal Department of Agriculture spoke to the group. Father Adam told them something about gardening as they visited his garden with profuse growth of lettuce, potatoes, cauliflower, radishes, rhubarb, carrots, garlic and onions. He explained about a hotbed. They had enjoyed these vegetables served daily in delicious green, crisp salads. Mr. Weale who had been doing some research in respect to growth of various vegetables and flowers stimulated further interest. These men sparked more enthusiasm on the part of the delegates for their national project Make Canada Lovelier. Mr. Weale gave them special directions on growing cosmos from the seeds given them at the convention as the centennial flower being planted from the arctic to the U.S.A. border and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He