



With the Honourable W. A. Stewart, minister Agriculture and Food in Ontario, newly elected Directors, to the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario — front left — Mrs. Lowell Eller, Mrs. Arthur Teasdale, Mrs. Earle Gibb, Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence, Miss Barbara Watkins, Mrs. Hugh McMillan. Rear left — Mrs. McCannell, Mrs. Westlake, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Irvine Ford, Mrs. Clarence Smith.

## *Annual Meeting Provincial Board Directors Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario*

by

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THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was held in the Queen's Park Room of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, November 21-24. Mrs. Everett Small, President, extended a special warm welcome to the ten newly appointed board directors. "Through suggestion, participation and co-operation, we hope you will find our meetings pleasant, not only in the work involved but in your association with others," said Mrs. Small. "As you consider the many items presented, remember the aims and objectives of our Women's Institute and decide what will be best."

### **The President Reports**

Mrs. Small reviewed highlights of her interesting second year as president of F.W.I.O.; the 70th Anniversary Officers' Conference and Birthday Party, the A.C.W.W. Council Meeting, the National Convention, the first Junior Women's Institute Conference, the Rural Community Life Meeting, the 4-H Girls' Conference, the Ontario Food Council, the dedication of a plaque at the Lee Homestead, and the presentation of entrance awards to 15 students at Macdonald Institute. In addition to many anniversaries and dedications in Canada's centennial year, committee meetings, etc., Mrs. Small and Miss McKercher attended all 14 area conventions. As F.W.I.O.'s representative at many meetings, Mrs. Small reports:

### **F.W.I.C.**

Prior to the opening of the 4th National Convention at the University of Guelph on June 12th, the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada held their Board Meeting in Macdonald Institute. F.W.I.O. entertained the F.W.I.C. Board to a luncheon at the Steak House, Aberfoyle. On Saturday, following the completion of their business session, the National Board en route to dinner at St. George was taken on a tour of the Bell Homestead, Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks, and Chiefswood, Home of Pauline Johnson. The group then went to the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead where two maple trees were planted to complete the F.W.I.C. centennial project of restoring the Homestead. Mrs. Aroti Dutt, planting the international tree, referred to the Homestead as "This sacred spot where the founder of our world wide organization was born." Mrs. J. P. Matheson had each provincial president place some of the soil of her province on a spade, and said "As this soil from our great country unites let us re-dedicate ourselves to working in unity in all our endeavours for Home and Country."

(The National Convention was reported in Fall edition, Home and Country.)

Mrs. Small congratulated Ontario members on their election to office in F.W.I.C.: Mrs. L. Trivers as 3rd vice-president; Mrs. William