

Copies of a resolution asking the Provincial Department of Health to exert its influence and bring about a ban on cigarette advertising in the news media were sent to both the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Health. The ministers expressed their concern and the hope that young people in increasing numbers might avoid the habit. Discussion will continue in Federal Department.

The Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food answered, regarding a resolution, requesting the government to pass legislation requiring roll bars and safety belts be standard equipment on all new tractors, by stating that these are already optional equipment and can be purchased by any farmer wishing to buy them. It appears an educational program for farmers, their families, and machinery outlets will be needed to encourage the purchase and use of this equipment.

A further resolution requesting the Federal Government to retain existing laws on illegal drugs and that information pertaining to their disastrous effects be broadcast and made known was answered by Hon. John Munro, Minister of National Health and Welfare. He expressed his deep concern over the increasing abuse of drugs and that no changes in the present legislation are contemplated until a final report and recommendations of LeDain Committee are thoroughly studied.

The Federal Government was requested not to legalize marijuana and a reply was received from Mr. Ian C. Inglis, Chief, Minister's Secretariat for Hon. John Munro, expressing appreciation for opinions from members of public which are considered along with medical and legal problems when changes in legislation are contemplated. Mr. Inglis referred the resolution to Ian LeDain.

A resolution requesting the Federal Minister of Finance to exclude Capital Gains Tax on family farms as written in proposed White Paper was replied to by Hon. E. J. Benson. He stated that the government wants to exempt most homeowners from a tax on gains realized on their residence. But the government also believes that there are sound reasons why there should not be a blanket capital gains tax exemption for the sale of all houses which might invite speculation and permit large profits to be made tax free by exploiters. Also it is felt that some equity should be established between persons who invest in a house and persons who invest in shares or bonds and rent their accommodation.

Three emergency resolutions were presented to the Annual Board Meeting. A vote was taken on each resolution to first establish if the

Board Directors considered them of an emergent nature. A resolution re pay-direct and group deduction hospitalization payments was not considered an emergency as it arose from a specific case where failure to give a number resulted in confusion.

The resolution requesting the Federal Government to take measures to assure that no more publishing firms be sold to other than those under Canadian control was considered an emergency and sustained by vote. A copy was also sent to the Hon. Wm. Davis, Minister of Education for Ontario. It was stressed that Canadian content is most important and Board Directors were urged to go home and do something about content as many text books are available and teachers have to be observant and choose wisely.

The emergency resolution requesting the Federal Government to do all in its power to retain the Dominion Day Title and on July 1st, was sustained as the general consensus of opinion was that there are some values that need to be retained and July 1st is actually Canada's birthday.

Mrs. Small urged greater consideration as to whether emergency resolutions submitted really are of an emergent nature or are they just shot through to be considered more quickly. "Sometimes wheels of progress may seem to move slowly through District, Area, and then to Provincial Board but, researched and discussed at these levels, greater weight, consideration and understanding is given to the problem in question."

In her provincial report Mrs. Small expressed disappointment that there was not 100% reporting from Districts. Conveners are reminded to fill in all statistical information. All Branches are urged to have a resolutions convener and although it is not necessary to have a resolution presented each year, a study of the resolutions sustained at Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Board and laws passed by our governments is vital to greater understanding by our Women's Institute membership.

One resolutions workshop was held. Programs included group discussions, panels and skits on subjects relating to resolutions. Local resolutions were presented and resulted in needed improvements of conditions in many communities.

Scholarship Committee

Mrs. George Meredith presented the report of Scholarship Committee which met prior to the opening of the Annual Board Meeting.

The Florence P. Eadie Scholarship was