



Retiring Board Directors

L-r — front row — Mrs. Herb Maluski, Mrs. Effie Ellerbeck, Mrs. H. Noblitt, FWIO President, Mrs. John Bird, Mrs. Allen Gillis.

Centre row — Mrs. Willard Miles, Mrs. H. M. Allemang, Mrs. Wm. Fletcher, Mrs. Russell Millar, Mrs. Yates Eaker, Mrs. Cecil Bell.

Back row — Mrs. James McNeil, Mrs. Frank Skulj, Mrs. Ed. Urstadt, Mrs. Lorne Wolgemuth, Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Mrs. Clifford Barber.

London Convention Area

WHEREAS "The Highway Traffic Act" Section 20 Sub-section (2) states where a school bus is stopped on a highway on which the maximum speed limit is greater than 35 miles per hour for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, the driver of a vehicle shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the signal lights are no longer operating.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Government to enact legislation to the effect that where a school bus is stopped on a highway or part of a highway, regardless of the speed limit for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, the driver of a vehicle, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the signal lights are no longer operating.

WHEREAS there is no significant recognition given to the birthdate of our Founding Father of Confederation, Sir John A. MacDonald; and

WHEREAS children and adults would be more aware of our cultural heritage and our Canadian history by observing this calendar date;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Prime Minister and the Federal Government of Canada, in order to give meaningful country-wide significance, declare January 11th as "Sir John A. MacDonald Day".

North Central Convention Area

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the public that accounts and billings submitted to OHIP by doctors for services to subscribers have been erroneous; and

WHEREAS accounts submitted on behalf of subscribers are made without the content knowledge of the subscriber receiving such service; and

WHEREAS increased costs of accounting and increased costs of services with these erroneous claims have increased the cost of services to an unreasonable amount;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Government to enact legislation that OHIP issue a plastic identification "credit card" showing the subscriber's name, address and number, to be used at the time of service to substantiate service rendered. In this manner a copy of the billing can be retained by the recipient of the service and a copy retained by the doctor and a copy sent in for payment. Fees where known are to follow a brief outline of service rendered.

WHEREAS it is understood that the Federal Government of Canada is planning a water diversion scheme which would flood a large area of Northwestern Ontario between the Lakehead and the Manitoba border, and said diversion would displace Indian families necessitating re-establishment of their mode of life and place of residence; and

WHEREAS said flooding would change the ecological nature of our land; and

WHEREAS said flooding would destroy much wildlife habitat;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Federal Government to refrain from this diversion scheme and flooding of Ontario land.

A Resolution from North Central requesting that prescription drugs used by pensioners be paid for by the government; and from Northwestern Area requesting the tax be removed from soaps — both of these requests were included in the budget so the Board did not consider either of these resolutions.

Southwestern Area requested capital punishment for all murderers in Canada, this request is no longer valid, as parliament has approved a five year extension on capital punishment as it now stands.

As a result of two resolutions sent in by North Central Area, a survey was conducted by Board Directors questioning that CBC programmes were obscene, violent and showed too much drinking. Five persons were asked to list programmes fitting into these categories by each Board Director. From your reports, these were tabulated and the results will be sent on to the CBC. Consequently, the resolutions were not sustained, instead a letter will be sent listing definite programmes, date and time of viewing, age of viewer; this was felt to be a more effective method of handling these two resolutions. The five programmes that gained the most disfavour were the Rowdy Man, Maude, All in the Family, Cannon and Police Story. Commendation for The National Dream and nature shows will also be mentioned.

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AGE

Age is the top of a mountain high
Rare the air and blue;
A long hard climb
A bit of fatigue —
But oh!
What a wonderful view!

— Wheeler.