

lit the candles and blew them out, while Mrs. Laura Rose Stevens made the wish. Mrs. Laura Rose Stevens proposed the toast to the charter members and was responded to by Mrs. W. F. Grylls.

The charter members were Mrs. James Rankin, Mrs. Thomas Guest, Queen's Line; Mrs. W. F. Grylls and Mrs. John Wright, Westmeath; Mrs. John Stephenson, Mrs. Robert Hicks, Mrs. Herman Christmann, Mrs. Archie Crozier, Beachburg; Mrs. M. D. Purdie, Mrs. Selby Barr, Mrs. James Forest, Mrs. Harry Barr, Douglas; Mrs. R. A. Williams, Mrs. Harriett Coffey, Forester's Falls.

Miss Anna Lewis, Superintendent of Women's Institutes, was given a warm welcome. Miss Lewis warned us to "Pat ourselves on the back and then give ourselves a good push forward." Mrs. Dawson Shields entertained us in a lively manner with her vocal selections.

One unique feature was the roll call, a song composed by Mrs. Gordon Hamilton of Locksley-Rankin as follows. How lustily the charter members sang the first verse and chorus, while all joined in for the last verse. Tune: Darling I am Growing Old,
1900 —

Though the roads are rough and muddy
Down to Beachburg, let us go;
For the District Annual Meeting;
What the Branches do, we'll know;
Hear reports from all Convenors, sisters
Money's spent and money's earned.
Resolutions passed or thrown out,
Ere our faces homeward turned.

Chorus —

Days were lonely on the upper forty,
Pleasures seemed to pass us by,
But our lives are bright and joyful;
Since we joined the W.I.

1947 —

Fifty years have brought great changes;
Training schools are hard to beat,