

Women's Institute Convention
Sept 21st and 22nd 1939. Temiskaming-Cochrane Area.

Officers and delegates of the combined Districts of Temiskaming and Cochrane Convention Area convened in St. Paul's United Church, Cochrane, Ont. on Sept 21st and 22nd 1939 for the Annual Convention.

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The morning session opened at 9.45 a.m.

Mrs. R. A. Dodds, Blute was in charge of registration, of all officers, delegates and visitors.

Mrs. A. P. Wilson, Hearst, Chairman of all sessions, presided and opened the convention opened with the singing of "Institute Ode", followed by "Lord's Prayer" in unison.

The chairman, Mrs. Wilson, spoke introducing our guests, Miss Mary A. Clarke, Superintendent of Women's Institutes of Ontario, and Mrs. T. J. McDowell, Melverton, Provincial President of Women's Institutes of Ontario.

In a few words, Mrs. Wilson, thanked those who had helped to organize this Northern Convention and referred briefly to the pamphlet recently sent out by Institutes Branch, Toronto, hoping that branches would make use of the information contained therein. She read selections therefrom and emphasized the importance of getting all available information necessary from Institutes Branch regarding knitting instructions or other War or Red Cross work.

Roll call of branches showed twenty (20) delegates present out of a possible (53) fifty three. Branches in the Area (Northern or) Cochrane District had representatives present from ten branches out of ~~from~~ twenty-one (21) branches.

Mrs. B. D. Marwick, President of Cochrane Branch, said welcomed the delegates and others, said their branch was in its infancy and like the little child was holding out its arms to welcome us. She invited all, who wished to come, to her home for lunch.