

Preface

were still left in her care. When she left in 1929 these were passed on to new secretary, Mrs H. C. Hyde of Monteth who held this office for five years and was followed by Mrs H. S. Lang for six years. It appears these records were kept with records of Monteth Branch - possibly stored together - When Mrs F. W. Knight of Clute became secretary in 1940 these old records seem to have somehow been overlooked.

Although this is supposed to be the history of District of Cochrane South we had our beginning with the original District of Temiskaming which, in 1916, extended from North Cobalt in the south to Hearst in northern section. The other three District should also be interested too. Therefore I undertook to compile a history of these years from these records and duplicated a copy for each District.

On receiving their copy a prompt reply came from each District expressing thanks. Suggestion came from one that these records should be sent to Area Curator. Mrs Murray Young, Cochrane, had missing Minute Book for 1924 to 1927 and she compiled the history of these years and a copy was sent to each District and also to Area Curator.

At Area Convention held in Englehart, Oct. 7 and 8 in 1964, Minute Book, etc for 1927-30 was turned over to Mrs Young as it definitely is a "Cochrane" minute book. As all districts would appear to have an equal right to earlier records these were given to Mrs F. Goddard of Temagami who is Area Curator. The Area of Cochrane-Temiskaming covering the original territory of Temiskaming District.

It was surprising to find that the Women's Institute of Temiskaming covered so much of the country. In spite of long distances D.G.'s seem to have been well attended with the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario (T.+N.O.) railway - now known as Ontario Northland - providing the means of transportation. Minute Book lists June 10, 1918 as tenth D.G. If only some record could be found of those first eight years! Area Conventions