

ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION

A suggestion to hold a Women's Institute Convention in Belleville in the autumn of 1926 for the area composed of the counties of Northumberland, Hastings and Prince Edward was sent for discussion from Mr. Putnam superintendant of Ontario Women's Institutes to the District Annuals of these counties in June 1926.

The consensus of opinion being in favour of this convention, Mr Putnam notified the District Presidents and District Secretaries that a meeting would be held in the City Hall, Belleville Sept 10th for further discussion and planning. Interested members might also attend.

A meeting of representative Institute women was held in the City Hall Belleville Sept. 10th. It was decided to hold a convention for the Area concerned on Oct. 26th and 27th or 27th and 28th depending on train service. Afternoon and evening sessions to be held the first day and morning and afternoon sessions the second day.

A programme was drafted subject to change. Exhibits were also discussed.

Those attending the first conference were as follows ---

Mr. George A. Putnam	Supt of Ont. Women's Institutes
Miss E. J. Guest	Dept. of Agriculture
Miss Filona Barker	District Pres. of Prince Edward
Mrs. W. R. Munro	District Sect. of Prince Edward
Mrs. Robert McCulloch	District Pres. of East Northumberland
Mrs. G. Finlay Clark	Dist. Sect of East Northumberland
Mrs M. E. Fargey	Dist. Pres. of East Hastings
Miss Carrie M. Reid	Dist Sect. of East Hastings
Mrs Geo. H. Leury	Dist. Pres. of North Hastings
Mrs T. L. Nickle	Dist. Sect. of North Hastings
Mrs B. Finkle	Dist. Pres. of West Hastings
Mrs Mary E. Vandervoort	Dist. Sect. of West Hastings

Others who attended were--

Mrs. James Garbutt, Belleville; Mrs James Fargey, Bloomfield; Mrs. J. A. McFee, Belleville; Mrs F. Boyes, Belleville; Mrs D. L. Jackson, Woodrour; Miss Annie Richards,