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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HELD 16TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The sixteenth annual convention and the twenty-fifth anniversary of Women's Institutes in Grey County was held at Kemble on Thursday of last week.

There was a large representation of the members of the fifteen branches of the district of North Grey and delegates from other Institutes in the county.

The address of welcome followed and Mrs. Louis Danard, president of the Kemble Women's Institute, spoke warmly of the twenty-five years of service since Kemble women, following the initiative of a beginner at Stoney Creek, organized the first Women's Institute of the County.

Mrs. J. S. McIlraith of Durham replied to the welcome extended and answered the question that has often been asked: "What are Women's Institutes for?"

Mrs. James Gardiner gave the last year's minutes, giving a detailed account of the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Women's Institute at Holstein a year ago, also a list of donations to the General and Marine Hospital, and a financial report showing a small credit balance in the bank.

The organization is non-partisan and non-sectarian with a simple motto: "If you know a good thing pass it on." The members must draw from the well of practical experience to help each other and thus a wealth of latent talent is developed.

Before the morning session adjourned a note of regret was read from Mrs. A. T. Todd, president of the Federation of Women's Institutes of Canada, that she was unable

to attend. At several intervals during the meeting splendid community singing of patriotic and well-known selections were led by Miss Ettie Irving, choir leader of the Baptist Church.

Shortly after twelve o'clock a bountiful dinner was served the visitors in the basement of the church. Long tables were done with flowers and a splendid menu was served by the hospitable Kemble ladies.

At the two o'clock afternoon session the platform was occupied by the speakers, the district officers and the charter members of the Women's Institute at Kemble twenty-five years ago.

A very happy feature was presentations from the District of North Grey to four long faithful members. Mrs. R. Brandon read an appropriate address in recognition of the wonderful work of Mrs. James Gardiner as the first Women's Institute president in the county.

The gift of a handsome pearl sunburst and address had been prepared for Mrs. B. J. Long, the representative of North Grey, but she had been unable to attend.

The representative of South Grey, Miss Sarah Jamieson of Hanover, gave a helpful address on the subject, "The Hasty Passing of Resolutions." Many resolutions have been passed during twenty-five years of Institute work that would never have been if they had been duly considered.

A few words spoken by Mr. William Bunt were appreciated. Mr. Bunt had at Mrs. Gardiner's request brought the matter of the forming of the Women's Institute before the directors of North Grey twenty-five years ago.

The speech of the afternoon that had been so eagerly anticipated was that of Mr. G. A. Putnam, superintendent of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. This was Mr. Putnam's first visit to Grey County, since the inauguration meeting in 1907 and he expressed pleasure at being present.

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Mrs. Moffat of Bognot gave a brief outline of the work involved in the securing of the Owen Sound Rest Room.

Mrs. A. M. McClure of Williamsford, representative of Centre Grey, gave an excellent paper on "What Can We Do More?"

A very important address of the day was that given by Mr. Segworth of Brampton. Mr. Segworth is Field Secretary of Ontario School Trustees' and Ratepayers' Association.

A lively discussion followed Mr. Segworth's address. An invitation was received from the Flesherton delegates to hold the convention at Flesherton next year.

20 YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of September 4, 1902.

The walls of the laboratory at the cement works are nearly completed. We are informed that Mr. Knapp has sold out his business at Wetaskiwin and that he and his family have returned as far as Toronto.

Last week Mrs. W. Laidlaw underwent an operation for appendicitis. The case was a very critical one and for a couple of days the family had grave apprehensions as to her chances for recovery.

Just as we are about to go to press a very pretty wedding is being solemnized in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. James E. Williams of Regina and Miss Alexandra McRae being the contracting parties.

A young daughter of Editor Ramage had the misfortune to get an arm broken last week while playing with a number of other little girls on the sidewalk near her home.

Messrs. Alex. and James Russell, new proprietors of the Big Store, were here last week engaged in stock-taking. On Tuesday morning they opened out for business.

We regret that Miss Marion Morton of Aberdeen had the misfortune last week to have one of her legs

broken through an accident which occurred while driving a horse-rake. She had just passed her Part II examination and intended to go to the Model School.

Hepworth is all excitement on account of striking another large gas well on the Driffell property.

A number of plans for the House of Refuge have been prepared by the architects and the committee will be called shortly to make a definite decision.

The first picnic under the auspices of the employees of the National Portland Cement Company was held at Wilder's Lake on Labor Day. There was a full line of sports, but the lacrosse match by green players captained by the two local editors was the real drawing card.

there too if he wasn't so slow. Dan McDonald stood in front of the flags ready for any kind of execution when Connor got the ball and with a graceful pass put it into Dan's stick and the trick was done before you could say "Peter Watson." It was one for us. The ball was faced off again. It went a little wild and Jake Kress got hold of it about fifty yards behind The Review flags.

Wiarnton's tax rate is 66 mills on the dollar. Wingham's rate is 43 mills, or 14 mills higher than last year, and Alliston needs 54 to carry her through.

QUICKER THAN LIGHTNING

Speed "records" are broken every now and then, but, if the correspondent of a Lynn, Massachusetts, daily newspaper sent in a veracious account, the best "record" of the sort was made in Saugus, Mass. Here's the item as he sent it in:

During the thunderstorm of Friday afternoon lightning struck in several parts of the town, but the narrowest escape from death was that of William Milton, driver of an express wagon. He saw a flash of lightning coming towards his wagon, but he backed his team into the gutter and thus escaped being killed or badly injured.

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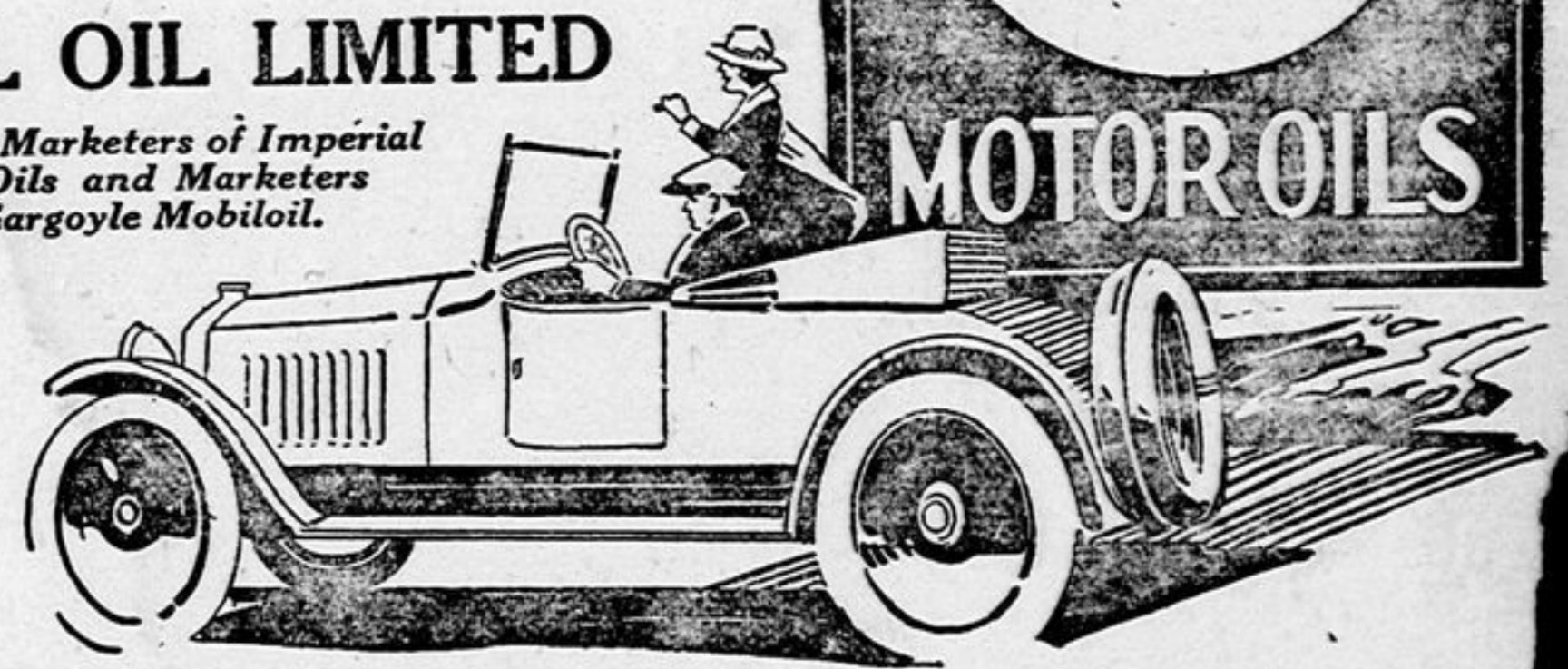
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