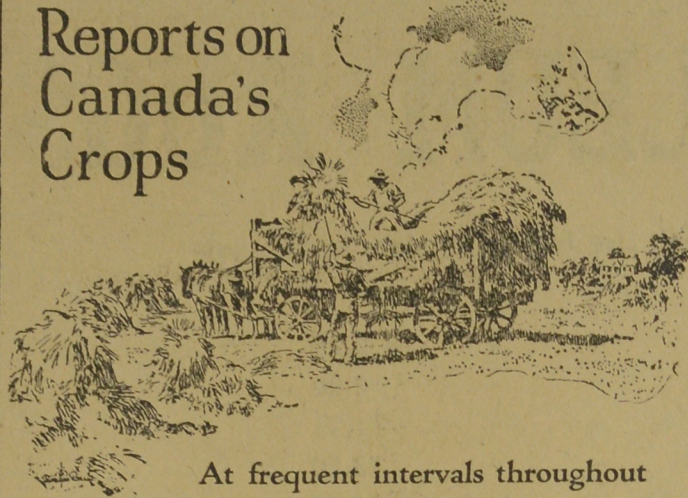
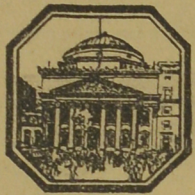


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Work of Year by the Women's Institutes of N. B. Reviewed by Supt., Miss Elizabeth Nutter

The annual report of the work of the New Brunswick Institute was delivered this morning at the eleventh annual convention by the Superintendent Miss Elizabeth Nutter. It was as follows:—

Again it is my privilege, as Superintendent of New Brunswick Women's Institutes, to welcome the officers and members at this our eleventh Annual Convention, and to present a report of the work undertaken and accomplished during the year.

New Institutes

Six new Institutes were organized at Russiagornis Station and Tracey Station, Sunbury County; Nerepis and Apohaqui, Kings County; Millville, York County, and Dunlop, Gloucester County, and applications have been received from other centres where organization meetings will be held during the summer months. Delegates from these new Institutes are present today and I wish to extend to them a warm welcome, and I trust that they, as well as all the delegates gathered together this morning, will find our sessions beneficial and enjoyable.

The Institutes at Cocagne, Kent County, and St. Quentin, Restigouche County, were reorganized during the year.

Finances

Turning to the financial side of the situation, we find that from June 1922 to June 1923 the receipts of 61 Institutes amounted to \$10,852.00 and an expenditure of \$9,808.00. I regret that it is impossible for me to give you an account of the finances from all the Institutes, but owing to the early date of the Convention I have not heard from a number of our branches. However a full report will appear in the Agricultural Report, or in the Maritime Farmer, our official organ.

Advisory Board.

Three meetings of the Advisory Board of New Brunswick Women's Institutes were held during the year.

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the first on November 9th, when arrangements were made for the winter's program to consist of One Week Short Courses at one or two central points in each County, when practical instruction would be given in Dressmaking, Millinery, Weaving, Harmony of Color, Renovating old Furniture and Interior Decoration. Twenty of these Courses have been held to date with very good results. In several instances the Course has imbued the Institute with new interest. The Instructors, Miss LeBlanc, Miss Wetmore and Miss Love, are Institute enthusiasts and have done much to encourage Institute Work in the centres in which the Courses have been held.

The Exhibitions

The nature of the Women's Institute Display for the fall exhibitions was also discussed at this meeting and it was decided to ask each Institute to send one patchwork quilt; one woven, hooked or braided rug; and three utility bags. Institutes to compete in any one, two, or in all three classes. Generous prizes will be given in all classes by the Department.

The second meeting of the Board was held on April 9th for the purpose of outlining a program for the 1923 Provincial Convention, and the third was held last evening. All three meetings were held in the Superintendent's office.

Summer Work

We were indeed fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lily Ellis, Head of the Household Science Department of Acadia Ladies' Seminary, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and Miss Louise Wetmore, a graduate of New York School of Fine Arts, as demonstrators and lecturers for the months of July and August, 1922. Each branch Institute was given its choice of the following subjects as demonstrations:—Supper Dishes, Vegetables and Fruits, Canning, Preservation of Eggs Our most Important Food and its Use in the Diet, or a lecture on "General principles of furnishing, treatment of walls, floors, choice of furniture, use of color and pattern".

Miss LeBlanc, Assistant Superintendent, visited every French Institute and demonstrated the Canning of Vegetables and Fruits.

In Other Provinces

I had the pleasure of attending the Prince Edward Island Women's Institute Convention at Charlottetown July 4th and 5th and spoke on "Women's Institute Work in New Brunswick".

Miss LeBlanc attended the Cercles des Femmes Convention, Quebec City, the last week in August and addressed the delegates on "Women's Institute Work among the French districts of New Brunswick".

Autumn Fairs

Our request for a Women's Institute Exhibit to be displayed at the Fall Exhibitions last year met with a generous response. This most novel exhibit, which was displayed at the St. John and Woodstock Fairs, proved practical and interesting, every article being made from an old garment which otherwise would have been consigned to the rag barrel.

The Department of Agriculture offered \$200.00 in prizes. The Institutes at Little Shemogue, Woodstock and St. John were fortunate in securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

In September and October Miss LeBlanc and I were kept busy judging the Women's Work at the Fairs in various sections throughout the Province.

On January 12th I attended the Annual Meeting of New Brunswick Division Canadian Red Cross and spoke briefly on Women's Institute Work.

Bee-Keeping

On February 22nd a circular letter was sent each branch Institute in the Province offering twenty-five hives of bees, complete with accessories, to be given in the order in which the applications were received. On two days we had received twelve applications and at the end of one week (Continued on page seven)

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