

Address of the Supervisor Of Women's Institutes

Miss Hazel McCain Delivers Report --- Three Thousand Members of Organization in New Brunswick --- Satisfactory Statement---Extension Has Taken Place During Past Year ---National Organization a Possibility.

Miss Hazel McCain, supervisor of the Women's Institute of New Brunswick delivered the following address at the opening session of the sixth annual convention of Women's Institutes, at the Provincial Normal School building this morning:

With the close of June 1918 another Institute year is recorded with successes as well as failures. Since the fifth annual convention of the New Brunswick Women's Institutes held in Moncton, Oct. 2, 3, 4, 1917 fifteen new branches have been organized, thirteen of which organizing in July and August, making a possible membership of 3,000. Many more centres, both English and French, have been inquiring concerning organization so the outlook is most hopeful.

Financial Statement.

According to the financial statements from July 1917 to July 1918, the receipts of seventy-six of the Institutes amounted to \$16288.60 and the expenditure to \$13620.19.

War Work.

In response to an appeal sent over by the British Y. M. C. A. through Mrs. Philip Warren in aid of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, \$1000 approximately was contributed by sixty of the Institutes. A direct appeal for the Y. M. C. A. was not made this year, many of the branches contributing independently to the Red Triangle Fund opened in May. An appeal in aid of the Montenegro and Serbia Relief Fund was sent out to some of the Institutes from Col. Burnham, Winnipeg. Some concern was felt about this appeal but upon investigation it was found to be bona fide and an apology was sent by Col. Burnham for not making the appeal through the

head office or at least notifying head office of it.

Mrs. Atherton Smith of St. John on behalf of the Executive of the Maritime School for the Blind, situated at Halifax, N.S. sent in an appeal which was endorsed and to which a goodly amount has been contributed.

Short Courses

At the short courses held in Woodstock, Fredericton, Sussex and Chatham 182 women and girls were enrolled. Instruction was given in Cookery, Home Nursing, Millinery and Dressmaking.

The essays entered in the contest of 1917-18 have been judged the prizes being awarded for "War Time Thrift and Economy" to Mrs. Paul Doyle, Jacquet River, Miss Vella Hoyt, Hoyt Station, Miss Elsie Brittain, Welsford, respectively; "Systematic Housekeeping" to Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Sussex, Mrs. C. H. Spike, Andover, Mrs. M. F. B. Glen, South Tilley, respectively and for "Advantages to a Community of having a Women's Institute" to Mrs. Ferguson, Newcastle, Miss Marguerite Flett, Millerton, Mrs. R. C. Thompson, Chance Harbor, respectively.

Summer Campaign

June 1918, saw the opening of the summer campaign. Demonstrators Miss Elizabeth Nutter and Miss Jessie VanWart visited nearly all the Institutes the norganized. Further reports will be given by the demonstrators themselves. A French Department was opened and the organization and demonstration work among the French people was conducted by Miss Alice Michaud, twelve French Institutes were organized and a report of work done among them will be given by Miss Michaud herself. Mrs. Lawlor,

whom you all know now, has this last week practically completed the provincial tour. A resume of the visits made to the different Institutes will best be given by the lady herself at one of the sessions.

A Wheat Substitute bulletin has been compiled, is now in the press and in a few days' time will be available for all. A Milk bulletin, also one on Meat Substitutes will follow this. Later on the Department is planning on enlarging the Canning Bulletin and revising the Food Book.

In connection with the revision of the Hand Book allow me to bring to your notice the fact that the voting power of an Institute at the Provincial Convention is not mentioned in the rules and regulations. A settlement must be made, otherwise Institutes close to the place where the Convention is held will be able to send in more delegates and if each delegate is allowed to vote, such Institutes might pack a Convention. That is against democracy, the spirit of fair play. Rather consider this suggestion to arrange the voting power of an Institute on a sliding scale according to membership, e. g. up to forty of a membership one delegate having the voting power of one, 40-100, 2 delegates or having voting power of two; 100-200, 3 delegates or voting power of three.

First County Convention

At this Convention we hoped to have a report from New Brunswick's first County Convention, I know it is ranking in the minds of some present that County Conventions should not be held in War Time, that the money expended thus might be put to some other purpose. Listen women, there are some things in this world, money will not,

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A day spent together by the representatives of the Institutes in a County or group of Counties, exchanging ideas, discussing ways and means of carrying on the work more successfully will cement a bond between those Institutes thus represented, will arouse interest and enthusiasm in the work, will strengthen the weaker branches in the group, will send those representatives back to their respective Institutes full of encouragement, each one intent with the purpose that her Institute shall make a better showing if not the best showing when the next Convention takes place.

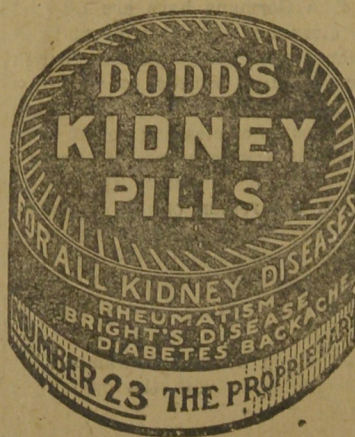
Not only is competition thus aroused in the County or group of Counties but one County or group will vie with another and so on throughout the Provinces. Think women what it would mean! The enthusiasm, the interest of such an organized body of women. The County Convention, likewise the proportionate Provincial Convention would repay you fifty fold, yea a hundred fold. At this Convention we have several French delegates and our lectures all in English. It would be fairer to have in future Conventions a French Speaker, or one or two addresses delivered in French.

Again, out West, the glorious West, the only West, the organized Women are stretching forth their hands to the East, asking us to unite with them in making the Women's Institutes and similar organizations a National Organization. A meeting was to have been held in Winnipeg in June this year.

Someone Triggered the Wheel. Think, women of N.B. a nationally organized body of housekeepers, home makers rather, that are and that will be united in the one purpose of making our Homes, our Dominion, the purest, the best possible. I trust this Convention shall place itself on record as ready and willing to unite with the Western Provinces in bringing about such an organization. And where shall New Brunswick stand in that chain of organized bodies of women? A weak link!—Never. Rouse yourselves, women of New Brunswick fling away the distinction of class, race and creed, make yourselves worthy of the sacrifice made by the boys over there for your honor, your liberty. Rise above all petty differences, put your shoulder to the great wheel of progress, of civilization and SHOVE.

Now we have endeavored in arranging this program to make the sessions interesting and helpful to each and every one attending. Some names we should like to have seen on this program are conspicuous by their absence, for instance Mrs. Lawlor and some others were asked to address us, but declined, preferring to act in other capacities.

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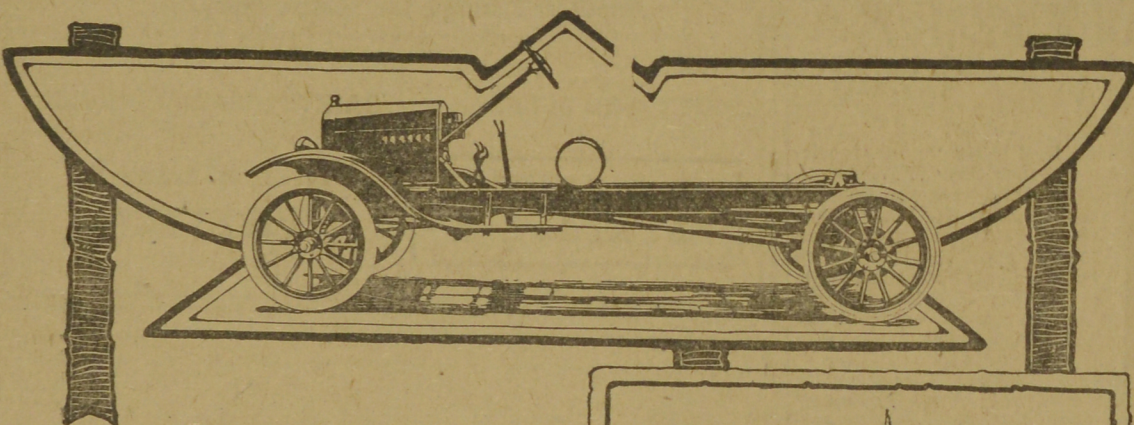
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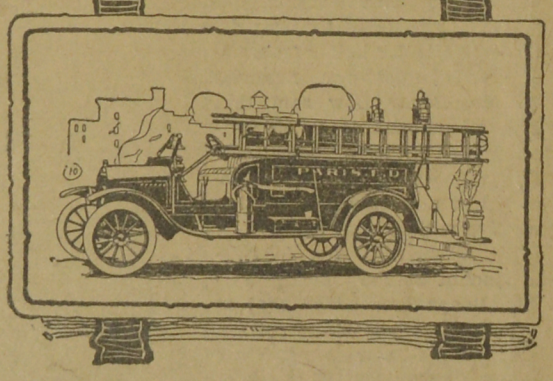
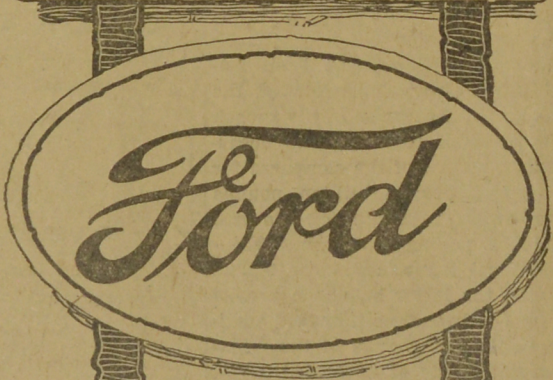
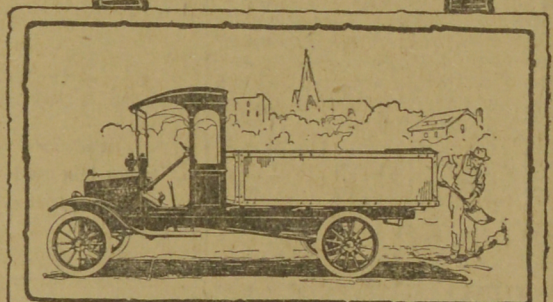
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