



CLUB HOUSE AT 3492 PEEL STREET

THE FIRST FORTY YEARS

A Short History of

**THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB
OF MONTREAL, INCORPORATED**

1927 - 1967

by

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This history is gratefully dedicated to

MISS ELIZABETH C. MONK

*who from the beginning of the Club,
down through the years, has, by her
courage, faith and unselfish devotion
assured that the Club would continue
to fulfil its function to the community
as envisaged by its founders.*

FORWORD

When I was first approached, three years ago, to write a history of the University Women's Club of Montreal, I had to refuse because of personal family responsibilities. When, at the last Annual Meeting of the Club, I was again asked if I would not now consider writing the history, I felt I had no good excuse for refusing and the time was so opportune, with the Club looking forward to celebrating its fortieth anniversary in March 1967.

In the intervening three years I had mulled over the idea, and wondered why I, of all the members, should be honoured and considered a suitable person for this undertaking. I came to the conclusion that I had two requisites. First, I was retired and so had the time to delve into forty years of records. Secondly, I had been one of those associated with the Club from its inception and had worked closely, over many years, with the founders and earlier officers and directors and had such pleasant personal relations with so many who are now gone that I felt I should like to give to the present membership the character and faith of these remarkable women. It seems fitting that this should be done in 1967 when the Club not only marks its fortieth anniversary but we, as a country, are celebrating our Centennial.

I realize that I may have stressed the contribution of the members of the earlier years to the disadvantage of many later members who, too, have contributed much, but probably credit will be given to them when, at some future time, this history will be brought up to date and I and many of my contemporaries are not here to do it.

The writing of this history must be considered as, not the work of one individual, but the concerted effort of many people. Here, I should like to express my appreciation to all those members who wrote tributes to the various Presidents, and also to "The Others". Also, I cannot finish writing this foreword without a very sincere "thank you" to Miss Virginia Cameron, Miss Elizabeth Monk and Miss Margery Trenholme for giving me so much of their time and advice. Without their help and cooperation this history could not have been written. To all who have helped I am most deeply appreciative.

Catherine Holland Joyce

Montreal, P.Q.,

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PRESIDENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF MONTREAL

1. Mrs. Archie F. Byers, 1927 -1932.
2. Miss Elizabeth C. Monk, 1932-1938.
3. Miss Virginia Cameron, 1938-1942.
4. Miss Grace Gardner, 1942-1944.
5. Miss Elizabeth Osgood, 1944-1947.
6. Dr. Margaret Gibb, 1947-1949.
7. Miss Barbara Dougherty, 1949-1952.
8. Miss Helen Falconer, 1952-1954.
9. Mrs. W. Boyd Campbell, 1954-1956.
10. Mrs. Graeme McLean, 1956-1959.
11. Miss Virginia Cameron, 1959-1961.
12. Miss Kathleen B. Farmer, 1961-1963.
13. Miss Margery W. Trenholme, 1963-1966.
14. Dr. Joan M. V. Foster, 1966-

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CHAIRMAN OF THE ORIGINAL COMMITTEE
FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE CLUB

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INTRODUCTION

For forty years the University Women's Club of Montreal has functioned as an integral part of the life of university women in the city of Montreal. It has served as a residential club for a limited number of members, a social centre for its members, a meeting-place for alumnae groups, who themselves might not have been members, a place to entertain distinguished visitors to the city representing foreign universities, or the heads of the International Federation of University Women or our own Canadian Federation of University Women. In these, and in many other ways, the University Women's Club of Montreal has sought to fill the needs of the growing number of women graduates in Montreal.

THE DREAM

How did this Club come into being? For years, and more particularly in the twenties, whenever a group of McGill women got together, the talk eventually turned to the desire and need for a university women's club in Montreal.

At a party, at Miss Margaret Hadrill's in the winter of 1925-26 at which Mrs. W. Irwin (afterwards Mrs. A. Seferovitch), Miss May Idler, Miss Catherine Mackenzie, Miss Grace Gardner, Miss Rose de Lima Larivière and others, were present, a long discussion took place on the need for such a club.

CONCEPTION

Later, in the spring of 1926, Miss Idler approached Miss Isabel Brittain, who was then President of the McGill Alumnae Society, and asked her to look into the matter; and the following is an extract from the minutes of an executive meeting of the McGill Alumnae Society held on June 7, 1926:

"Miss M. Idler was appointed to act in behalf of the Society at the forthcoming meeting which is to discuss the possibilities of forming a university club for women in Montreal".

During the summer, at Percé, where some of those interested in a club house were summering, the subject was informally, discussed with Miss Idler, Miss Elizabeth Monk, Miss Hadrill and Mrs. Seferovitch; and it was thought to be a feasible idea to explore, in the fall, the possibilities of forming such a club.

FIRST MEETINGS

In September 1926 Miss Idler called, in the Themis Club, a meeting of her committee. This included, among others, Mrs. A. F. Byers, Mrs. W.P. Hodges, Miss Monk and Miss Hadrill. They prepared a report for the McGill Alumnae. Two extracts from the minutes of the McGill Alumnae Society follow.

"General Meeting Minutes:

October 12, 1926.

The President reported that a committee had been formed under Miss Idler to look into the matter of instituting in Montreal a university women's club. Approaches would be made to groups of graduates from other universities and the timeliness of the venture generally considered. Miss Idler would report when sufficient progress had been made.

November 16, 1926.

The President gave notice of a meeting to be held in the Moyses Theatre, Monday, November 22nd at 8 P.M. for the purpose of organization and discussion in connection with the proposed university club and urged that it be widely advertised".

In the meantime, Miss Idler and her committee contacted the alumnae of outside universities such as Queen's, Toronto, Bishop's, American women's, etc., and asked them to send representatives to the November 22 meeting, which they did.

Several meetings were held in Moyses Hall at which Miss Idler acted as chairman, and Miss Catherine Holland, representing Queen's, acted as secretary for the meetings. At the first meeting, the plan to have a university women's club met with overwhelming approval; and committees were formed: Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Hodges to find a building and to plan finances, Miss Idler to canvass prospective members and Miss Monk to look after the legal aspects.

The committees got to work and what did they accomplish? A great deal in a very short time.

CANVASS FOR MEMBERS

Miss Idler sent a letter to all known women university graduates in the city and district explaining the objectives of the committee and soliciting their interest. With the letter was a questionnaire to be filled in, signed and returned. The interest as evidenced by the response to the letter and questionnaire was very encouraging, and it was learned that over 600 graduates of recognized universities lived in Montreal and vicinity, and of these 280 were actively interested.

SEARCH FOR CLUB HOUSE

In the meantime, Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Hodges, ably assisted by their husbands, were looking at suitable buildings. Houses were inspected, the essential being a central location, near McGill University if possible. By far the most suitable seen was that belonging to the Charles F. Smith Estate, then bearing civic number 334, later 3492, Peel Street, which had the added advantage of being then vacant. The house had been built about the year 1908, one of four, set, in two pairs as it were, at right angles to Peel Street, each of two houses facing the other across a common driveway. The Maxwell firm had been the architects of all four. At the time, the house nearest to Sherbrooke Street was occupied by Mr. Edward Maxwell, the one facing it by Mr. Eugène Lafleur, Q.C., then, back to back with Mr. Lafleur's house, was the one then occupied by Sir Lomer Gouin, ex-premier of the Province of Quebec. Sir Lomer's house, therefore, shared a common driveway with the Smith property. Sir Lomer was interviewed by a group of university women and asked if he would have any objections to the Smith property being bought by the University Women's Club. His reply was what might have been expected from such a courtly gentleman, that he would be honoured to have university women as his neighbours.

The Smith house was the largest of the four, and its size had made it rather difficult to sell at the time. It was particularly well suited for the purposes of the Club. As presented by Mrs. Byers to the meeting of university women in Moyses Hall in January 1927 the house was described as, "In the vicinity of McGill University, it is an attractive well-designed house suitable in size and arrangement for a club house. Twelve airy bedrooms are available for members with one reserved for transients and, especially important, two bathrooms on each floor. On the first floor there are: the Lounge room and a large room which members may reserve for private parties; a card room; and a handsomely panelled dining room which opens into the garden, where tall trees, wide spreading elms and slender poplars stand guard over the lovely old Montreal residence which will occupy a unique place in Canada as it will be the first and only University Women's Club House in the Dominion".

Since the Smith Estate was anxious to dispose of the property, it offered to sell it to the Club for the price of \$45,000 which was considered to be well below the real value. The terms stipulated were \$10,000 cash, the balance of \$35,000 to bear interest at 6-1/2% per annum to be reduced by annual instalments of not less than \$1,500, and to be paid in full by February 15, 1932.

No expense had been saved when the house was built or when it was occupied by the Smith family as far as furnishings were concerned, and the executors of the Estate very generously left with the house some of the draperies and, in particular, the beautiful hall and stair carpet which still exists.



CLUB LOUNGE – PEEL STREET



DINING ROOM – PEEL STREET

The lounge was a particularly beautiful room with a large bow window overlooking Peel Street. In this room was a fireplace with a very fine marble mantel. The picture above the mantel was painted by the late Archibald Browne, R.C.A., especially for the room and in colours to complement the beautiful velvet drapes left by the owners. As the fireplace was gas it was seldom used. However, in the Members' Room which had been the library of the original house was a real fireplace which was enjoyed by the members on many occasions.

There were, in those early years, very few small apartments to be had in Montreal and there was quite a demand from professional women and women attending, or connected with, the University for living accommodation, so the possibility of renting this number of bedrooms meant the Club could count on a substantial revenue from residents. As it turned out, in the first year, this demand was such that several of the rooms were occupied as double rooms. Miss Margaret Hadrill, an original member and one of the most devoted of the early group, took charge, with tact and irrepressible good humour, during many years, of the somewhat ungrateful task of renting and allocating bedrooms in the Club House; and while her services were varied and many, it is perhaps her work on the house committee which is best remembered by those who worked with her most closely. The various university alumnae groups undertook the furnishing of these bedrooms, McGill furnishing several while Bishop's, Toronto, Queen's, the Maritimes' and the American alumnae groups furnished others.

Again, to quote from Mrs. Byers' address to the prospective members, "We are not trying to make money. We are only trying to pay our way. We are frankly trying to have an inexpensive Club and we certainly do not want to rule out anybody on account of high prices".

Accordingly, the fees were set at \$25 entrance fee with an annual fee of \$15, and bonds to the amount of \$10,000 were offered to members and friends to finance the purchase of the property.

The actual petition for the incorporation of the Club was signed by Miss Idler, Miss Hadrill and Miss Monk who accordingly became the original incorporators and the provisional directors. The actual date of incorporation was January 4, 1927. Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Hodges approached the Crown Trust Company to act as trustee of the proposed bond issue while Miss Monk attended to all the legal details.

On February 15, 1927 the Club was purchased, and the membership stood at 237 - these became the charter members. (A list of the charter members is appended.) March 17 has always been treated as the birthday of the Club because on March 17 in 1927 the kitchen was used for the first time to serve tea to a few members who were busily working to get the Club ready for its formal opening which was held early in April.

FIRST BOARD

The University Women's Club of Montreal was launched and how nice it would be to be able to write that, from that date on, the Club sailed serenely on for forty years with no worries, financial or otherwise, but not so! The Club sailed through some very stormy weather, at times nearly foundering on the shoals of high costs, poor staff and inadequate membership due to the depression years followed by the War years. But always, with the devoted and capable women we had as Presidents we were able to weather the storms and remain above water.

The first permanent Board of Directors and Officers were:

Officers:

President: Mrs. A. F. Byers (McGill)

Vice-President: Mrs. Roy Campbell (Toronto)

Hon. Recording Secretary: Mrs. A. P. Blackburn (Queen's)

Hon. Treasurer: Miss Eileen Russel (McGill)

Directors:

Mrs. A. F. Byers (McGill), Mrs. J. S. Cameron (Mt. Allison), Mrs. M. J. Campbell (Bishop's), Mrs. Roy Campbell (Toronto), Miss Margaret Hadrill (McGill), Mrs. W. P. Hodges (McGill), Miss May Idler (McGill), Mrs. J. C. Laird (Mt. Holyoke), Miss Catherine Mackenzie (McGill).

Too much credit and appreciation cannot be given to these women, and the others who came after them, for their devotion to the interests of the Club. Without them the Club could never have survived the difficult years that followed.

DEPRESSION YEARS

No one could have foreseen, in 1927, the difficult financial years ahead when the stock market crashed in 1929 and overnight businesses folded up or had to retrench, with the result that even professional people had their salaries cut and women graduates from colleges and universities were faced with unemployment. No women were being taken on in industry or business and many who had held responsible positions were let out because men with family responsibilities had to have any available work - and the married women members were wives of men who in their own businesses were faced with reduced profits and more and more retrenchments. A luxury like a social club membership was the first economy to be exercised. Other clubs like the Graduates Club, a men's club organized around the same time, had to close down and it says much for the direction of the University Women's Club that it survived. It was faced with more resignations than new members but still the officers carried on.

Always the University Women's Club of Montreal has been fortunate in being able to enlist women of the highest calibre, who were willing to give of their time and energy to conduct the affairs of the Club. From its first President, Mrs. A. F. Byers, right down to our present President, Dr. Joan Foster, all have had their moments of satisfaction but all have had to face difficulties. Though all have been served by willing and capable Boards and Committees, still, on the President, more than anyone else, has rested the responsibility of successfully operating the Club. A list of the Presidents with the dates of their tenure of office will be found following the Foreword; and individual "tributes", written by personal friends of the Presidents, with the photograph of each President will be found further on in this history. I cannot help thinking that we are fortunate in having had these "tributes", contributed by members who had been mostly closely associated with each of the Presidents concerned and so could bring to the task an intimate and personal knowledge of their subject.

After serving as President from 1927 to 1932, Mrs. Byers retired from the Board of Directors, but until her death in 1954, she was always available to any of the succeeding presidents with encouragement, and advice when solicited. Too much credit cannot be given to Mrs. Byers who as one of the founders of the Club, and its first President, launched the Club and guided it so successfully through its first five years. In spite of the Depression Mrs. Byers left the Club in quite sound financial position, and in this she had been ably assisted by Mrs. Hodges with her wide financial and administrative experience. At the annual meetings at which Mrs. Byers presided and at which the annual financial statement was presented, there was no actual cash deficit, the deficit shown by the statement resulting from deductions for depreciation.

She was succeeded Miss Elizabeth Monk, who was no newcomer to the Board. She had been one of the founders of the Club, and from the time of the incorporating of the Club, the arranging for the purchase of the Club House and for the bond issue, her interest had never lagged, and she came on the Board as a Director in 1930.

The Club was fortunate, in those difficult depression years to have as its President, from 1932 to 1938, a young woman with the ability, legal training, interest and more than anything else, the faith of Miss Monk. Later, in 1960, she returned to the Board of Directors and was instrumental, with others, in negotiating for the sale of the Club House at 3492 Peel Street and in entering into the agreement with the Themis Club for our present accommodations. She has truly been the fairy godmother of the Club and has always come to its rescue in times of uncertainty and trouble.

WAR YEARS AND WAR EFFORT (1939-1949)

Before the end of the thirties and before the world had recovered from the Depression we were into the Second World War with all its demands and pressures. First there was the concern, the very deep concern, for the people in the occupied countries of Europe as well as the concern for the outcome of the War. Women in all walks of life were subjected to the strain and personal worry of having near and dear ones in the armed forces. There was the pressure of extra work with Red Cross and first aid work, and the added pressure of shopping when goods began to be scarce, and rationing meant extra time consumed in shopping and planning meals in the home, to say nothing of trying to cope with staff and meals in the Club. Staff walked out with little or no notice to go into munitions and war plants where salaries were larger. Food was hard to get for a Club which was considered by the rationing board to be a luxury, and the Board had to try to satisfy staff, residents and members of the Club - a well-nigh impossible task.

As always, we were fortunate in the women we had as Presidents during these difficult years - from Miss Virginia Cameron who was President from 1938 to 1942 down through Miss Grace Gardner, 1942-44, Miss Elizabeth Osgood, 1944-47, to Dr. Margaret Gibb, 1947-49. For, though the War was over in 1945, the Club was still trying, as late as 1949, to meet the needs of university women in Europe.

As early as September 11, 1939, the Minutes record that the Board "agreed to write the Red Cross and offer the services of the Club as a unit."

Then, in March 1940, an appeal came to the President, Miss Cameron, asking that some immediate financial help be sent to refugee university women. It was decided at a meeting of the Board that the President be asked to approach heads of other university women's groups in Montreal with respect to contributing to the Fund of the International Federation of University Women for the immediate relief of refugee university women.

At a meeting of the presidents of all alumnae groups in Montreal, held in April 1940, it was decided to raise money so that a refugee might be aided in cooperation with McGill University which was prepared to give board and lodging. From then on, the University Women's Club of Montreal worked untiringly to raise money for this project, and by May, Miss Eileen Russel, the Treasurer of the Club, was able to turn over the substantial amount of \$1,200 to McGill. This money was used to bring to Montreal Mlle. Madeleine Francès who had come out from France just before the War as a visiting instructor at Wellesley and was prevented from returning to France by the outbreak of War. She was a philosopher and a brilliant scholar, the author of three books on Spinoza. For several years the university women of Montreal assumed financial responsibility for her while McGill gave her free board and lodging.

As well as collecting money to aid foreign university women, the Club was raising money to buy blankets for the Red Cross, collecting used clothing and household linen to be sent to displaced people in Europe through the Unitarian Service Committee, as well as worn clothing for the British Federation of University Women

In 1940, six Club members took refugee children, and when the Canadian Federation of University Women formed a Refugee Committee of three members with Convener at Ottawa and two other members, one from Halifax and one from Montreal, the Montreal member to act on this Committee was Miss Alma Hart.

From time to time distinguished university women from Europe were made special members of the Club and many of these women spoke of their experiences in Europe to meetings of the members. Also, in February 1941 Mme. Georges P. Vanier, wife of the former Canadian Minister to France, spoke at a luncheon meeting of members on her experiences in France in May and June of 1940.

Members of the Club volunteered to teach English to a group of Polish refugee women in the pleasant surroundings of the Club. At the same time officers of the Women's Services were given the privileges of the Club without paying fees.

In 1943 the McGill Alumnae Society and the University Women's Club had a joint shower of worn clothing for the British Federation of University Women, and the following are extracts from letters received from the B.F.U.W. in appreciation of the boxes sent by our Club:

"We have now had many kind parcels from Canadian University women, but I think this is quite the largest single gift we have ever received ... Two of the warm. dresses and some underwear went to a Hungarian, the wife of a brilliant scientist, herself a pianist- They find it hard to make both ends meet, and she was most grateful for our help ... We want you to know how very much we appreciate all the time and work, and I cannot help thinking, sacrifice, the crate represents".

The War work begun in 1939 was continued through the years and even in 1946, \$538 was raised for work being carried on by university women of Europe for rehabilitation in the liberated countries. In addition, eight parcels of toilet articles were packed and sent to university women's clubs in Europe, and five parcels of food to Crosby Hall, London, England, while two cases of clothing, totalling 345 pounds, were packed and mailed through the Unitarian Service Committee to the University Women's Club at Prague.

A Club notice of March 1946 reads, "Owing to the acute food shortage in Europe, the Board of Directors has decided to discontinue the monthly Club teas as a small contribution toward the unnecessary consumption of food".

In 1948 and 1949 the Club was still collecting clothing and at Christmas 1948 it sent cakes to Crosby Hall. As late as May 1949 clothing was sent in aid of British university women, as well as a contribution toward the cost of repairs to Crosby Hall.

FINANCES

At the time of the incorporation of the Club, the fees were set at \$25 for the entrance fee and \$15 for the annual fee. With a hoped-for membership of 300, this would have meant an income in the first year of \$7,500 plus \$4,500 (\$12,000) and after that an annual income from fees alone of \$4,500. Although the figure of 300 was not then, and, in fact, never afterwards reached, nevertheless, when the project of a university women's club house was first mooted, sufficient interest was shown by a number of university women in Montreal to make the organizers feel justified in going ahead with plans.

To finance the purchase of the Smith property, it was decided to create a bond issue once the directors were satisfied that they would receive initial undertakings to purchase bonds in an amount of at least \$10,000. Once these undertakings had been received, accompanied by cheques, and there was \$10,000 in the bank, the offer of sale was accepted, the deed of sale was signed on February 15, 1927, and the \$10,000 paid over to the vendor. The Club then proceeded to create a 5% second mortgage bond issue in the amount of \$30,000, redeemable February 15, 1957, the bonds, of the denomination of \$100 each, being secured by hypothec on the property, ranking after the balance of price of \$35,000 due to the Smith Estate.

The date of the purchase, February 15, 1927, is important. By the next year the world was in the great Depression, and the property could probably have been bought for an even lower price. On the other hand, it might have been even more difficult to recruit members and, more particularly, members willing to buy bonds. The fact that the membership never reached the figure of 300 aimed at in the beginning meant that the club has always had to struggle financially although the struggle was not too great in the first years.

From time to time, fees were raised, but these increases were not sufficient to prevent deficits in some years, deficits, fortunately, in many cases shown as such because of bookkeeping entries for depreciation and not, necessarily, because out-of-pocket expenditure had exceeded revenue.

While there were bad periods in the forties, it was in the late fifties that the excess of expenditure over revenue became extremely serious.

But while revenue and expenditure could be sufficiently controlled, revenue could not always be counted on to meet capital payments. As instalments of principal on the balance of the purchase became due, Presidents and other officers had the rather invidious task, not only in Depression years, of soliciting members to purchase bonds to meet these capital payments.

An entry in the minute book shows that by 1931, 145 bonds had been issued; but by that time-beginning a pattern which was to recur in later years - 17 bonds had been cancelled by way of donations from the holders so that there were then only 128 bonds outstanding. It was obviously impossible for the Club to raise sufficient funds to pay off the balance of the purchase price when it became due in 1932 and the Smith Estate, realizing the general financial situation, allowed the mortgage to run on.

By 1946, the Smith Estate was extremely anxious to be paid the then remaining balance of \$23,000 and made an offer to the Club to cancel all interest and arrears of interest up to June of that year provided the \$23,000 was paid by August 1. McGill University was approached and agreed to take over the mortgage from the Smith Estate provided the outstanding balance was reduced to \$20,000 and all taxes paid up to date. At the time, the assessed value of the property was \$37,000 and inasmuch as the balance of price ranked ahead of the bond issue, it was clear that the University was not running any very serious risk. A Finance Committee, headed by Mrs. A. F. Stalker, made a determined drive for \$6,000 to reduce the \$23,000 to \$20,000 and pay the arrears of taxes and, by June 25 of that year, nearly \$5,000 had already been subscribed by members, either by the purchase of bonds or by outright donations; and the University took over the \$20,000 debt from the Smith Estate.

Payments due the University were made regularly but it was obvious that the payment of the 5% bond interest was becoming an increasing burden. Full interest was paid up to and including the year ending January 31, 1948, but in that year the bondholders were approached with a request to convert the bonds into income bonds, that is, interest would be payable only out of net income. The proposal was agreed to by the bondholders and a supplementary trust deed entered into on November 5, 1948. Some income was earned for interest on the bonds in the years immediately following but was not paid as there was no ready cash available.

In 1954 a further supplementary trust deed was entered into with the consent of the bondholders which extended the maturity of the bonds to February 15, 1967, and redefined what constituted "net income" available for interest on the bonds. This definition was so worded that thereafter there was, in fact, no income available for bond interest!

By January the loan from the University had been reduced to \$15,000 but a further financial crisis was created when \$10,000 was needed for a new furnace, repairs to the heating system and repairs to the roof. The future of the Club seemed in doubt. Members were canvassed, by means of a questionnaire, as a result of which, a majority of the members who replied stated that they were in favour of every effort being made to keep the Club as a residential and social club, retaining the present building if possible. McGill was approached again and agreed to lend the Club a further sum of \$10,000 for the necessary repairs, making the total indebtedness to McGill \$25,000. By this time the assessed value of the property had been increased to \$62,000 so that the University was amply secured, but the Club's financial position was not improved when faced with an increase in taxes in that year alone of over \$600.

The McGill loan of \$25,000 was due on August 15, 1961, and to then bore interest only at 5%. When that date came, McGill granted an extension of one year but increased the interest to 7%. Later it allowed the mortgage to run on until the property was eventually sold.

In 1961, negotiations were opened with the Themis Club, which had sold its own property and was negotiating for new quarters, and the Club in turn realizing that it was impossible to finance its building any longer - not only were taxes increasing but there was always the danger of major repairs being required - began to investigate seriously the possibilities of selling the property. The house across the driveway was then owned by a Mr. Leslie and we were advised that he might be interested in purchasing our property. If both properties were owned by the same owner, the common driveway between the houses could be abolished and the whole property become much more valuable.

Mr. Leslie was apparently of the opinion that the Club was desperate because his offer was for \$75,000 for the property on condition that we would rent it back from him at \$500 a month for a fixed period and in addition pay all taxes on it and undertake to paint the outside of the house.

At that time the Club had a stroke of luck. McGill University decided to take over and demolish one of the university fraternities' houses, Alpha Delta Phi, in order to erect on the site the new McGill Union; and the fraternity was given very short notice to look for another property which it would require not later than August 1, 1962. The Club, therefore, on February 20 received a formal offer from the fraternity to purchase the property at the price of \$105,000. The Club, however, insisted on receiving \$110,000 cash and this also on condition that it would not be called upon to pay any commission.

The sale went through in due course, and the mortgage to McGill was paid off as well as the bond issue. \$22,200 of bonds were then shown as outstanding on the records of the Crown Trust Company, which had acted from the beginning as trustee for the bondholders, but, of these, \$1,200 represented bonds which had been donated to the Club by members and which had already been

transferred into the name of the Club. This practice of giving bonds to the Club had gone on from time to time and had enabled the Club to sell a bond thus donated to it to a member who was prepared to subscribe for a bond.

Once the mortgage to McGill was paid, the redemption price of the outstanding bonds handed over to the trustee and all the current debts of the Club paid, the Club was left with an amount of \$51,000 in cash for investment.

Unfortunately, no separate record was kept by the Club over the years of donations made to the Club funds, either in cash or by surrendering for cancellation bonds previously purchased. Such information as is available at the present time from Club records and the records of the Crown Trust indicates that, since the Club was founded, members whose interest in it was most keen have, in addition to annual dues, given to the Club, either by donations or cancelled bonds, well over \$10,000.

As indicated above, at the time of the redemption of the bonds, an amount of \$21,000 was in the hands of individuals, over and above the \$1,200 registered in the name of the Club, and a number of the holders of these bonds subsequently donated to the Club the proceeds of their redemption. In all, the Club received from those members and in some cases from non-members, as gifts, the sum of \$6,450 which enabled the Club to furnish its new premises without breaking into the amount of \$51,000, the capital which remained to it out of the \$110,000, after payment of its liabilities.

This outline of the financial situation of the Club would not be complete without some reference to certain of its members, in addition, needless to say, to Presidents, who struggled with its financial difficulties. First mention should perhaps go to Miss Eileen Russel who acted as Honorary Treasurer from the beginning of the Club until 1944. She was not only Honorary Treasurer in name but bookkeeper, accountant, sender out of bills, in a word, a whole staff unto herself with no outside assistance whatsoever. Club members who frequented the top floor of the building in those days must still have memories of Miss Russel at her desk in the west hall of the top floor working away, night after night, until the small hours of the morning. In appreciation of her work and devotion for so many years, the members of the Club subscribed the sum necessary to make her a life member. Mrs. Stalker has been mentioned above, and other Treasurers and members of the Finance Committee, set up from time to time, gave unstintedly of their services and support in innumerable ways. In particular, the Club is indebted to Miss Helen Gould and Miss May Robertson whose clear and positive thinking in the critical days of the fifties were largely responsible for the survival of the Club.

FEES AND MEMBERSHIP

The fees of the Club have always been directly dependent on the number of members in the Club. When the Club was formed in 1927, the founders and incorporators based the possibility of having such a club, and running a club house for members and residents, on the estimated membership of 300 with an entrance fee of \$25 and an annual fee of \$15. This number seemed a decided possibility from the response of over 600 university women in and around Montreal. But the charter members were 237, and the membership has seldom exceeded 250, including out-of-town members.

As early as May 31, 1927, the President, Mrs. Byers, asked the Directors to try to get three new members each before the end of the year so that the Club could function on a sound financial basis. There have been frequent membership drives over the forty years of the Club's existence and many members have worked hard to increase our numbers. But while, in some years, as many as twenty new members were added to the lists, removals by death, resignation, or departure from the City resulted in the membership remaining fairly static.

Why have not more university women availed themselves of the opportunity to belong to a Club which is restricted to graduates of recognized universities, and offers a club house and meeting-place for women with the same interests? I think the answer lies in several facts.

First, in the size and opportunities in a city as large as Montreal. Here, university women have their own active alumnae associations and sorority groups. Here, three large universities, McGill, University of Montreal and Sir George Williams, as well as numerous smaller colleges, offer lectures, night courses, and extramural work. Here, art groups offer opportunities for women of like interests. Also, one must recognize the fact that while Montreal has a population of over two million, the non-French population is a small fraction of that number and in fact, at last count, stood at 203,562, only about 10%. Therefore, although the University Women's Club has always welcomed graduates of French universities, it is understandable that it has never attracted many such who normally prefer joining with their own group.

Then, in the location of the first Club House on upper Peel Street. While ideally located for McGill University and the Montreal High School for Girls, from the staffs of which came many of the most interested and devoted of the members, still it was on a hill and not too convenient for a downtown shopper to drop in for lunch, or a cup of tea. This reason is not valid now with the Club situated on Sherbrooke Street at Mansfield.

Then, as noted earlier, the Club was formed just before the Depression, and even with a modest fee of \$15 it was a luxury that many women felt was the first to be sacrificed. Later, with the demands of the War years, many members could not find time to attend its meetings or social events, and had to resign.

As prices increased and members resigned, modest assessments had to be levied and fees increased until the present fee of \$50 a year was reached in 1959. Always concessions have been made to recent graduates, with the entrance fee of \$25 being waived if a graduate becomes a member within the three years before the first of February following the date of her first obtaining her degree, and the annual fee being graduated from \$25 the first year, \$37.50 the second year and \$50 the third year. In spite of these concessions the number of young graduates joining the Club has always been relatively small. In many cases they have preferred to retain their interest in a sorority.

Two other types of membership have been offered to graduates: Life Membership, restricted to fifteen ordinary members who have paid a fee of \$350 upon admission to Life Membership and Out-of-town Membership, limited to women who are eligible for ordinary membership but who reside for not less than nine months each year beyond a forty mile radius of the city. (A list of present and past life members is appended.)

In addition to the three types of membership offered to university graduates, for some years now the Club has offered "Associate Membership" to a restricted number of women whose cultural, scientific or academic background would, in the entire discretion of the Board, make them desirable members of the Club.

One cannot write about the membership of the Club without remembering how much it has been honoured from the beginning by having the wife of each succeeding Governor-General as Honorary Member, from Her Excellency, Viscountess Willingdon in 1928; Lady Bessborough in 1931; Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice; Lady Tweedsmuir; Viscountess Alexander of Tunis; down to our present delightful Madame Vanier. All have been gracious enough to accept honorary membership and all have honoured us with their presence at a Club luncheon or tea.

From time to time other distinguished women have been pleased to accept Honorary Special Membership, among whom was Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, who visited the Club for dinner in 1958.

RELATIONS WITH THE CANADIAN FEDERATION & INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

When the University Women's Club of Montreal was incorporated, it did not immediately become affiliated with the Canadian Federation of University Women. One of the reasons for this was that when the Canadian Federation was formed shortly after the end of the First World War, the McGill Alumnae Society, as the most important group of university women in Montreal, became a charter member and paid the fee then payable by clubs, that is, a fixed fee for each member of a club. Alumnae societies ordinarily make only such lump sum contribution as they wished to make, and the number of C.F.U.W. members is based on the amount of the contribution. This decision of the McGill Alumnae Society was due, in part, to the fact that at that time it was, in a sense, a club

rather than an alumnae society since it accepted as members women graduates of other universities, and, in part, to the interest aroused in the C.F.U.W. by Mrs. Walter Vaughan, one of the organizers of the Federation and its second President. She was later to be a charter member of our Club. The McGill Alumnae Society continued to pay fees on the Club basis until just after the Second World War when it became more closely integrated into the McGill Graduates' Society and with a new financial structure could not continue to pay a per capita fee for its greatly increased membership.

The majority of the members of the Club at its beginning were also members of the McGill Alumnae Society and of other alumnae groups already paying fees to the Federation so that joining the C.F.U.W. as a club would mean a duplication of fees. Moreover, the Club was operating at that time on a very small annual fee and with heavy financial commitments because of its Club House.

There was, however, a feeling among many of our members that some tangible support should be given to the C.F.U.W. At a meeting of the Club on March 6, 1933, "the President, Miss Elizabeth Monk, told the meeting that the question had been raised as to the feasibility of this Club becoming a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women. It was pointed out that at the present time the Club could not afford to join the Federation upon the basis of other clubs, but inasmuch as the McGill Alumnae had always ranked in the Federation as a club and had paid the larger fee required of clubs, it might be possible for this Club to be given membership, either on a special basis or on the basis of an alumnae society which pays a smaller fee to the Federation than does a Club. After some discussion of this proposition it was moved by Mrs. A. F. Byers, seconded by Mrs. Langlois and

Resolved: that this club make application for membership in the Canadian Federation of University Women, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made as to payment of a reasonable membership fee-and that, if possible, a representative be sent to the executive meeting of the Federation to be held in London, Ontario, in June next for the purpose of submitting this application to the Federation. Carried."

On March 18, 1935, the Annual Meeting of the Club was informed "that the Canadian Federation of University Women was prepared to accept this Club as a member of the Federation upon our making a contribution of \$25.00 per year for the present, or any other sum we could give." In addition to paying this small annual fee the Club contributed to the Federation by providing hospitality for the President of the Federation whenever she might be in Montreal as well as hospitality to distinguished university women from abroad whom the Canadian Federation might wish to welcome as guests. It also provided room and board for a graduate student brought to Montreal by the Canadian Federation for an academic year at McGill.

Nevertheless, there was always the knowledge that other clubs looked somewhat askance at the special status enjoyed by us and this, of course, was intensified once the McGill Alumnae Society ceased to pay a fee on a club basis. A first step to increasing the Club's contribution to the C.F.U.W. was made when we suggested to the membership at large that each member might pay voluntarily her Federation fee. This enabled a larger contribution to be made each year, though not one of an amount equal to an every member fee. For example, in 1954, the amount forwarded to the Federation from the Club was \$190. Quite apart from the fact that these voluntary contributions were of very variable amounts, the system complicated bookkeeping and, in 1958, it was decided to add the Federation fee to the annual fee payable by each member. In that year, with Mrs. Graeme McLean as President and Dr. Mary Winspear as Federation Representative, all eligible members paid the C.F.U.W. fee, and the Club received its formal charter as a fully accredited member of the Federation.

The connection between the Club and the C.F.U.W. has been close and profitable for all concerned. Even before the Club was paying the full fee, many of its members took an active part in Federation business and held office in the Federation. Mrs. Walter Vaughan has been mentioned above, and Miss Elizabeth Monk was Treasurer for six years and later a Vice- President. Miss Isabel Brittain and Mrs. M. T. Bancroft were chairmen of the International Relations Committee while Miss Virginia Cameron, Dr. Mary Winspear and Mrs. W. D. R. Buchanan at different times chaired the Fellowships Committee. Miss Alice Miller, while Provincial Director of the English clubs in Quebec, played an important part in organizing clubs on the South Shore and the Lakeshore.

From the earliest days of the Club, leading members acted as liaison with the Federation. Ever since 1935, the Club has had its Federation Representative who represented the Club at the annual Council meetings and the Triennial Conferences. She reported regularly to the Club on all matters dealing with the Federation, and joined with the Federation Representative of the McGill Alumnae Society in organizing a joint C.F.U.W. study group. The following members have served as Federation Representatives: Miss Isabel Brittain, Miss Hazel Murchison, Miss Margaret Macdiarmid, Miss Flora Stewart, Miss Adèle Languedoc, Miss Hope Barrington, Mrs. D. B. Thomas, Mrs. J. S. Cameron, Miss Elsie MacFarlane, Dr. Mary Winspear, Mrs. Boyd Campbell, Mrs. Saul Hayes and Mrs. J. F. Rutherford.

The C.F.U.W. held its third Triennial Conference in Montreal in 1926 under the presidency of Mrs. Walter Vaughan with 38 delegates present - this was before the Club's founding. In 1958 when the Fourteenth Triennial met in Montreal under the presidency of Dr. Doris Saunders with 344 delegates present, the Montreal Club, together with the McGill and Marianopolis Alumnae Societies, the South Shore and Lakeshore Clubs, as well as the l'Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités, was host to the Conference. Miss Alice

Miller acted as chairman of the Montreal Conference Committee, and the president of the International Federation, Mlle. Jeanne Chaton, was the keynote speaker. Miss Irene Hilton, of the British Federation, and later to be President of the I.F.U.W., also attended. Dr. Rosette Renshaw, a member of the Club and a former C.F.U.W. and I.F.U.W. fellowship holder, was the speaker at one of the luncheon meetings.

In 1964, the Club was asked to participate in the C.F.U.W.'s National Centenary Project - the publication of a book composed of short biographies of Canadian women of permanent historical importance and written by Canadian women. Names of women for the biographies (restricted to women no longer living) and names of competent writers were submitted to Miss Alice Miller who acted as liaison for the Club and the McGill Alumnae Society with the Federation. Dr. Maude Abbott, a charter member of our Club, appears in the book, "The Clear Spirit - Twenty Canadian Women and Their Times", and her biography has been written by a distinguished member of our Club, Dr. Jessie Boyd Scriver.

It was also decided that the Club would support the C.F.U.W. financially in this project, and in January 1966 Mrs. J. U. MacEwan was appointed chairman of a committee to sell passports for the World's Fair (Expo 67), to be held in Montreal in 1967, as a means of raising money. The members of her committee (Miss Monk, Mrs. R. Morrison, Miss May Robertson) and other-members of the Club sold 816 passports (\$3,402) with a profit to the Club of \$571 of which \$500 was sent to the C.F.U.W. Project.

Through the C.F.U.W, we have made contributions to the I.F.U.W. by way of hospitality and have been honoured by visits from Dr. Virginia Gildersleeve, a founder of the I.F.U.W. and its first president; Dr. Winnifred Cullis, another founder and the fourth president of the I.F.U.W.; Dr. Ellen Gleditsch, the I.F.U.W.'s third president. Members of our Club have attended the various triennial meetings of the I.F.U.W. and one, Dr. A. Vibert Douglas, was Chairman of the Fellowships Committee prior to 1939 and I.F.U.W. President from 1947 to 1950. In her honour, the C.F.U.W. set up a fellowship for graduate study to be administered by the I.F.U.W. Miss Elizabeth Monk has served on the Status of Women Committee and has been legal adviser to the Constitution Committee. Dr. Mary Winspear has been a member of the I.F.U.W. Fellowships Committee.

When the I.F.U.W. held its triennial meeting in Toronto in 1947 - the first occasion on which most of the delegates had been able to go abroad since the War - a committee of Club members met them when the ship docked in Montreal, put them up in hotels and private homes here for a couple of days because they were still very much restricted as to funds, etc., and entertained them generally before they went on to Toronto.

From time to time also, the Club has been in direct contact with the C.F.U.W., for example in making contributions to the Winnifred Cullis Fund, to the fund for the rehabilitation of Crosby Hall, and in trying to help university women refugees referred to it by the C.F.U.W. both during the War years and after. One of the Club's links with the British Federation as well as with the International Federation is the water colour of Crosby

Hall presented to the Club by a staunch charter member, Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, on her retirement as Warden of the Royal Victoria College, McGill University.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER CLUBS

THE MONTEREGIANS: When the University Women's Club of Montreal was founded in 1927, the Monteregian Club existed for women, not necessarily university graduates but women of similar tastes and interests. As early as 1927, the President, Mrs. Byers, met with Miss M. C. Edgar, the President of the Monteregian Club, and reported to the Board meeting of January 12, 1927 "that there was the possibility of the Monteregian Club ceasing to exist as such, and she had had an interview with the President of the Monteregians to discuss the possibility of accepting graduate members of the Monteregian Club as members of the University Women's Club, and of extending the privileges of our Club House to non-graduate members of the Monteregian Club". On February 10, a letter from the Monteregian Club stated that it had decided to continue its separate existence.

The situation remained like this for a number of years, with the University Women's Club, at various times, extending hospitality and dining-room privileges when the Monteregian Club was closed for vacations.

In 1937, when the Monteregian Club was dissolved, our Club then offered "to admit as members, without formality, all those members, in good standing, of the Monteregian Club who are eligible for membership in the Club, and that, in lieu of any entrance fee for such individual members, this Club accept from the Monteregian Club such consideration, in kind or otherwise, as the Board of Directors of this Club, in its sole discretion, may deem advisable; and that this Club also permit all those members, in good standing, of the Monteregian Club who are not eligible for membership in this Club to use the Club House in the same manner and upon the same conditions as members, subject to an annual payment identical in amount with the annual fee from time to time payable by members, it being understood, however, that should any person, not eligible for membership, to whom this privilege is hereby accorded fail to make such payment in any one year, she shall immediately cease to enjoy such privileges and no reinstatement shall hereafter be permitted".

The above offer was accepted by the Monteregian Club and later in 1937, 42 members of that Club became members of the University Women's Club and not only enjoyed the privileges but contributed to the cultural enrichment of the

Club. At present there are on our lists 5 of the original 42 members of the Monteregeian Club.

THE THEMIS CLUB: From the foundation of the Club, our relations with the Themis Club have been most cordial. Of our own members, Miss Isabel Brittain, Mrs. W. P. Hodges and Miss Catherine Mackenzie had been charter members of the Themis Club, and our Club was able to draw on their experience in the organization and management of that Club. Over the years we, at times, shared dining-room privileges when one or the other of the Clubs was closed for short vacations.

It was natural, then, that when the Themis Club sold its property on Sherbrooke Street at about the same time that the University Women's Club House on Peel Street was sold, and when both clubs were looking for new premises, that this Club should agree to lease quarters from the Themis Club in its new location and to share its facilities such as dining-room and bar. For a year before the final move in 1963, and while the Themis Club still had occupancy of its old premises, it very kindly permitted the University Women's Club to use its facilities. The present arrangement seems to be working out to the complete satisfaction of both clubs.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In stressing the difficulties - financial and otherwise - faced by the Board of Directors in running a club like the University Women's Club, one is apt to give the impression that it was all worry and no pleasure. Such is not the case. The Club had been organized as a social centre for its members and it truly lived up to this aspect of its function.

From the first tea held at the Club House on March 17, 1927, there have been regular teas, luncheons and dinners for members. At many of the luncheons and dinners there were outstanding speakers, often from our own distinguished members. Bridge parties, fashion shows, theatre parties, the annual book fair and garden party were organized to help raise funds, and proved a means of social intercourse for the members. The Board has always endeavoured to give the members a large and varied Programme, and their efforts have been very much appreciated by the membership.



PRESENT CLUB LOUNGE AT 910 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST

Particular occasions have always been a pretext for a special party. The visits of our Honorary Members have been highlights in our history. From the luncheon in honour of the first such member, Viscountess Willingdon, presided over by Mrs. Byers, the tea for Lady Bessborough during Miss Monk's term of office, the luncheon for Lady Tweedsmuir under the aegis of Miss Virginia Cameron as President and Miss Grace Gardner as Vice- President; the tea for Lady Alexander who was graciously received by Dr. Margaret Gibb; to the luncheon for Madame Vanier when she gave a delightful informal talk: all have held a special place in the Club's programme.

In 1932, the fifth anniversary was suitably celebrated with a special tea on March 17 at which Mrs. Byers presided. In 1945 during Miss Osgood's regime the 18th birthday of the Club was celebrated as "the corning of age" party and was a great success. In December 1948, Dr. Gibb, as President, organized the 21st birthday party at which the founders of the Club, Mrs. A.F. Byers, Miss May Idler and Miss Elizabeth Monk were guests of honour. In 1952, with Miss Barbara Dougherty as President, the 25th anniversary was marked by a buffet supper and an evening party, at which Miss Catherine Mackenzie cut the birthday cake. At this party Mrs. Byers, in her inimitable way, recalled some of the difficulties met in establishing Club quarters, and paid a tribute to those who had been associated with her at the time. In 1962 when the Club was 35 years old a party was held at which most of the living presidents were on hand and gave amusing anecdotes of their term of office. The first birthday party to be celebrated in the Club's new quarters was in 1964 and its highlight was a short talk given by Miss Idler on the origins of the Club.

Just what celebration we shall have in 1967, Canada's Centennial Year, as well as the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the University Women's Club of Montreal, has not yet been decided. But, with the present capable Board of Directors, under the presidency' of Dr. Joan Foster, we might expect something special.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

If the University Women's Club of Montreal has been able to function over the last forty years, it is hard to think of it not carrying on for many more. Even if, after the lease of the Themis Club expires, both Clubs are faced with the task of finding new premises, so long as the Club is served by members with the courage, foresight and faith of those who have served it in the past one cannot think of the University Women's Club of Montreal ceasing to exist. If we want to consider the first forty years as the growing years of the Club, probably the next forty will prove to be years of expansion and great satisfaction.

TRIBUTES TO THE PRESIDENTS



**MRS. ARCHIE F. BYERS
FIRST PRESIDENT 1927 – 1932**

The charter members of the Club are aware that if the existence of the Club can be said to be due to one member above all, that member was Mrs. Archie F. Byers (Marion Taber Byers, B.A. McGill '05).

Although it was not she who conceived the idea originally - the credit for that goes to Miss May Idler - the fact is that those who, with Miss Idler, first contemplated the establishment of a university women's club in Montreal said to one another: "If we can interest Marion Byers in this project it will succeed".

It was she who chaired the small group which studied ways and means, and she who inevitably became our first president. To her five years as president, and in the many years in which succeeding presidents turned to her for advice and counsel, she brought all those gifts of mind and character with which she was so richly endowed - a keen intellect, integrity of thought, charm of personality and (this of immeasurable importance to a newly organized and, of necessity, struggling club) sound judgment and good business sense.

And it is impossible to think of Marion Byers' association with the Club without remembering, at the same time, all that it owed in those first, and indeed, later years to her husband, Archie Byers, who, at all times, made his wife's interests his own. A well known general contractor, he gave freely of his advice and services in all matters dealing with the fabric of the Club property, so much so that he was familiarly known to early directors as "the Club's husband". If ships can have a husband, surely clubs may also.

Our Club was only one of Marion Byers' many interests. This was well set out in the obituary notice in the 1954 summer number of "The McGill News" which dealt with her other interests as follows:-

"With the death last January, of Marion Taber Byers, McGill lost one of its most distinguished women.

"After graduation, Mrs. Byers taught for a short time before her marriage and continued her interest in education all through her life. At different times she was president of the McGill Alumnae, a member of the Protestant Committee of the council of Public Instruction of the Province of Quebec and a member of the Hampstead School Board. To all of these activities she made a notable contribution.

"These exacting public duties were only incidental in Mrs. Byers' life, which centred in her own smoothly organized home. Her efficiency in so many fields and her soundness of judgment were complemented by many endearing qualities. She enjoyed an informal chat or a serious conversation, a game of bridge, a sunning on her lawn. She was an expert cook and gardener and excelled in the art of hospitality. With all this, she always appeared calm and unhurried, and prepared to cope with any unexpected problem.

"The essential truth about Mrs. Byers would seem to be that her achievements were outshone by her personality. Endowed with beauty and distinction of appearance, she had an air of quiet authority that found immediate recognition. She loved simplicity and directness; though she was eminently practical in action, she held fast to high ideals. In fact, one felt that however frank and intimate she might at times appear, there were depths of thought and perception, of seeking after truth, that were not revealed".

The painting by Garside which hangs in the Club's lounge remains a tangible reminder of the deep affection and admiration for her felt by the members of the Club.



MISS ELIZABETH C. MONK
PRESIDENT 1932 - 1938

After Miss Idler and her friends conceived the idea of a university women's club, they bent their energies on finding prospective members and potential board members. One of the people who immediately came to their minds was Elizabeth Monk, who after a brilliant academic career at McGill, Radcliffe and Oxford, was beginning the practice of law and was already making a name in a profession at that time almost exclusively male. She was an ideal choice as an organizer for she had a knowledge of legal procedure, was able to smooth the way for the incorporation of the Club and the purchase of the Peel Street property, and to solve many other thorny problems faced by the new group. An original supporter of the Club, with Miss Idler and Miss Margaret Hadrill, she signed the application for incorporation. When Mrs. Byers retired in 1932, the Board chose Elizabeth as its second President, with the confidence that she would not only maintain the prestige which had been built up in the first years, but would contribute her own special qualities and talents to the Club. As President during the Depression, she was faced with the difficulty of operating the Club with much more restricted resources than the planners had hoped for. The number of members did not increase; in fact, some of the original members and prospective members were forced to resign. At the same time, bond interest, taxes and other fixed charges had to be paid. But Elizabeth spared no effort to maintain the Club as the gracious centre visualized by the original members and to keep costs within bounds with no lessening of standards of comfort and hospitality. Through all these years, herculean efforts were made to reduce the capital indebtedness of the Club, which, with the drop in sales value of property, seemed very heavy.

Her own term of office was one of great fruitfulness for the Club, but every other President has felt that Elizabeth's contribution to its well-being and even to its existence has been continuous from the moment when she was first consulted right up to the present. No annual meeting has passed without some mention of the generosity with which she has given of her time and effort, her native wisdom, and legal knowledge. A protested tax assessment, an over-large bill for a furnace, the redecorating of a room, an argument with a neighbour over a fence or parking, an injury to a maid, a new picture, the garden, a bondholders' meeting, to each of these and to endless other problems she gave her undivided attention, and each successive President and Board knew they had in her a wholehearted supporter and an expert adviser.

Unstinting of her time and unfailingly generous in every way, she agreed to return to the Board in 1960 and, as the negotiations were taking place for the sale of the Peel Street house and for our association with the Themis Club, her strong business sense and knowledge of financial conditions were of inestimable benefit to the Club. She retired from the Board for the second time in 1965 but her interest has not waned and her counsel and help are still as often sought and as freely given as they were in 1926.



MISS VIRGINIA CAMERON
PRESIDENT 1938 – 1942 AND 1959 - 1961

Virginia Cameron (B.A. McGill 1925) has the unique distinction of having been President of the Club on two different occasions, first from 1938 to 1942 and then, as a "draftee", from 1959 to 1961.

A niece of Mrs. Walter Vaughan (as Susan Cameron, McGill professor of English literature, as Mrs. Vaughan, Warden of the Royal Victoria College, with Mrs. McWilliams one of the founders of the C.F.U.W. and its second president, and at all times one of our most loyal members), Virginia Cameron could hardly escape being keenly interested in all things concerning the Club.

To her intellectual and academic qualifications she added a keen mind, an almost uncanny gift of observing and noting the smallest detail and a good business head which helped her to weather the innumerable vicissitudes, financial and administrative, from which the Club was rarely free.

When she took office the first time, the Club was, by a happy chance, enjoying one of its easier periods, thanks to the character and ability of Miss Louise Brough, certainly its most successful Manager, and the Swedish chef Dave, who for many years "relaxed" at the Club during the winter months while recovering from the most strenuous of summers at a well known resort in Gananoque.

But then the War broke out, bringing its disrupting effects into all phases of Club as well as individual life, problems of staff, members caught up in War activities leaving them no time to continue to carry out Club responsibilities.

Then came the university women refugees to be welcomed, made honorary members and helped as much as possible in making difficult adjustments.

One may well wonder how the Club would have fared in those difficult years without its cool-headed and competent President.

After this first experience, it is evident that only one with her sense of responsibility would have agreed to take on the presidency of the Club for a second time, and to see it through one of its even more difficult than usual periods, this moreover at a time when a heavy program of work at McGill would have more than justified a refusal on her part.

Then again her association with the University as Assistant Registrar (later Deputy-Registrar) was of the greatest possible help when the Club approached the University with the request to take over its mortgage, this at a time when the original mortgage creditor was pressing for payment in order to wind up an estate, as well as in our later various financial negotiations with the University after the mortgage had been taken over by it.

Her patience and unlimited reserves of tact ensured that any Club meetings which she chaired was carried through expeditiously and pleasantly, while her introductions of guest speakers and her votes of thanks were equally felicitous.

Her enjoyment in travel abroad and her skill as a photographer brought vicarious pleasure to many of our members.

Not only did she, at all times, and not only as President, give generously of her services to the Club but her tangible gifts to it were many and unrecorded.



MISS GRACE GARDNER
PRESIDENT 1942 - 1944

Miss Grace Gardner, a charter member, took over the presidency at a time when the War effort was adding constantly to the difficulties of managing the Club. Rules and regulations laid down by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and other government agencies were applied to the Club inflexibly and no special circumstances taken into account by the government authorities.

Rationing, when it came in, was a special problem since the Club's allotment was based on the number of meals which had been served in the months of July and August preceding its introduction, months in which, normally, very few meals were served, and no representation as to the number of meals served in the winter months could persuade officials to increase the rations. Again, the freezing of wages sent staff - even managers - in large numbers to munitions factories and other more remunerative work, often on a few days' notice.

It was probably due to Miss Gardner's background training, first as a teacher, then (1943-44) Vice-Principal and (1944-45) Principal of the Montreal High School for Girls, to say nothing of her own innate sense of humour, unruffled disposition and general efficiency, that the Club was carried on during those years, in as normal a manner as possible, so that few members or their guests realized the turmoil going on behind the scenes.

The usual pattern of social gatherings, with or without speakers, was adhered to as much as possible and must have brought some relaxation to many members harassed by the inevitable worries of wartime.

Like all presidents, Miss Gardner had many financial problems to cope with, and it is an indication of her tact and persuasive powers that, when other means, such as various measures to increase membership, had failed, she persuaded the membership to agree, for the first time, to the imposition of an assessment. The assessment was small - \$5 for regular members and \$1 for out-

of-town members - but its acceptance did overcome the belief, until then firmly held in many minds, that unlike men's clubs, no women's club could ever successfully survive such an imposition on its members.

Miss Gardner steered the Club through two difficult years with cheerfulness, good nature and tact, and provided interesting and outstanding speakers. Though difficult to run, she made it a place that members enjoyed.



MISS ELIZABETH OSGOOD
PRESIDENT 1944 - 1947

Elizabeth ('Betty') Osgood took over the presidency of the Club at a time when the chronic wartime problems and increasing further restrictions were making its operation a period of real testing. Food, staff, equipment, service - all the essentials of the Club's life - were proving a constant concern, because of limitations and scarcities to an extent that now, in retrospect, seem almost incredible.

The dining-room continually lost money. An inexorable Ration Board had placed the Club in the 'luxury' category and diminished its allowances accordingly. Even unrationed, everyday foods had a habit of suddenly disappearing from the market, so that, in order to offer any kind of presentable table, the Manager had, herself, to seek them from store to store.

Wartime jobs had drawn heavily on sources of domestic help, and what still was available was neither sufficient nor satisfactory. Cooks were transient and sometimes harassingly temperamental. The minutes of directors' meetings in those years, for instance, include an appeal to the members themselves to discover a woman competent to act as head waiter, and also another plea for a member who would feel free to relieve the Manager for an overdue and much-needed vacation.

There was an always crucial worry about finances. Membership remained static. The heavy demands of the War on the volunteer time and energies of both members and potential members narrowed that usual channel of income and

service. Various schemes were tried to bring in more money, including a levy on the members.

With the arrival of peacetime it was decided to make a stronger appeal for help from the members. In 1946 a canvass was made of all members. Their generous response, through the buying of more bonds and gifts of money, enabled the Club to pay up its more basic commitments and to arrange to have the mortgage transferred from the original family of owners to McGill University.

Through these difficult War years the Club had still managed to keep up its civic and cultural interests. However, it had undertaken, as its specialized project, to aid university women bombed out in Britain and those who were refugees in other countries of Europe. Book fairs, teas, bridges in homes and in the Club House raised money for supplies for overseas; and collections were made and despatched of good warm clothing and suitable books.

Though all the unsettled and abnormal conditions of her term of office, Betty Osgood had moved in the conduct of the Club's business with a serene competence that was the admiration and comfort of all who worked with her and who watched her preside at Board meetings and at Club functions with a dignity and graciousness that gave no hint of the worries she must have been carrying. The fledgling Club had weathered the Great Depression and now, so few years later, had come out of a World War with credit. To this latter achievement she had made her own memorable contribution.



DR. MARGARET GIBB
PRESIDENT 19447 - 1949

Dr. Margaret Gibb, a valued member of the Club for thirty-five years, was a member of the Board of Directors for eight of those years - three of them as President, and two other terms, at later dates, as a member. Her term as President was during the difficult years of 1947 to 1949, but despite the many administrative problems, under her quiet yet capable guidance, the Board planned many cultural and social activities, amongst the latter being a tea for Lady Alexander, an Honorary Member.

It was during Dr. Gibb's presidency that a special dinner party was held celebrating the Club's 21st birthday. It will be a function long remembered by the members as the ideal opportunity to honour their founders, Miss Idler, Mrs. Byers and Miss Monk.

Dr. Gibb is a French scholar, having received her doctorate from the Sorbonne. She has lectured in the States, at the University of New Brunswick and at Queen's University, and spent some time in library work in France. Although retired now, she still assists students to become more proficient French scholars, is active in her church - and loves to travel.

Dr. Gibb gave of her time and talent to other activities of the community. She represented the University Women's Club on the Montreal Council of Women for many years and was our special representative at the International Council of Women which met in Montreal in 1957.

To those who know her and have worked with her, Dr. Gibb is recognized as a person of cultured mind, sympathetic heart and great spiritual strength. The Club has grown in stature by having such a person as its president.



MISS BARBARA DOUGHERTY
PRESIDENT 1949 - 1952

Very few members have given as many years of active service to the Club as Miss Barbara Dougherty. Beginning as Recording Secretary in September 1944 in the middle of a term she became a Director in 1947 and then President from 1949 to 1952. The postwar years were a time of great financial stress for the Club, and immediately on joining the Board as a Director in 1947, Barbara was made Treasurer, and in later years was a member of a special Finance Committee. Through the years her advice and counsel were always valuable, and her initiative and excellent financial acumen as Treasurer started the Club on the road to a more stable financial position. She put her talent for finance to good use in 1948 when she was the prime mover in the important business of converting the Club's second mortgage bonds to second mortgage income bonds, and at that time earned these words of praise, "The Club is indebted to Miss Barbara Dougherty, the prime mover in this most important matter of business..." In 1951, during her presidency, the mortgage held by McGill, which fell due at that time, was renewed for five years. When she retired in 1952 Barbara was able to report that all outstanding bills had been paid in full, that sufficient funds were in the Bank to pay 1% interest on the then "income" bonds as well as the half-yearly instalment on the principal of the first mortgage and the interest on that mortgage due in August. Funds were also available to pay the water tax, then over \$250, and the municipal taxes due in May. Many repairs and improvements to the Club House, both inside and out, had been completed.

Barbara's background of work in other organizations had developed her administrative talents so that her contribution as a Director, and especially as the President of the Club, was great. She involved herself in all the affairs of the Club, social as well as financial, and participated in a wider field by attending the Triennial Conference of the Canadian Federation of University Women at Vancouver in 1949 and of the International Federation of University Women at Zurich in 1950. Now retired from teaching and living in the country, this Life Member of the Club still retains a keen interest in all its affairs.



MISS HELEN M. FALCONER
PRESIDENT 1952 – 1954

Helen Falconer, a charter member and eighth president of the Club, began her service on the Board of Directors in September of 1947 by replacing Mrs. Borden as Recording Secretary when the latter had to retire before the end of her term of office. For the next five years, Miss Falconer served in this capacity ably and conscientiously under the presidencies of Miss Osgood, Dr. Gibb and Miss Dougherty. In 1952, she was elected President of the Board of Directors and served until 1954 when she retired as President and as a member of the Board. With an innate charm and quiet dignity, she brought to the presidency the energy required to carry the Club through the next two difficult years. When not struggling with the precarious finances and temperamental staff of the Club, she was presiding at teas, luncheons, dinners and bridges, or, more vitally, helping at a money-raising rummage sale or book fair. Often able to use the Club facilities for lunch, Miss Falconer also enjoyed the French Group's conversational luncheons directed by Mrs. Parmelee. Advantages of these efforts were skilfully demonstrated in 1954 on a motor trip through France when she brilliantly read road maps and obtained correct directions and suitable lodgings. Those serving on the Board of Directors under Miss Falconer came to recognize her strong, stubborn regard for doing right, her keen desire not to hurt others, and the generosity of her outlook on the weaknesses of her fellow humans. These were just three of the traits which helped her in her work with the staff, Board and members of the Club. Since her retirement from the Redpath Library of McGill University, Miss Falconer has continued to enjoy her trips abroad always returning with happy memories and plans for the next adventure.



MRS. W. BOYD CAMPBELL
PRESIDENT 1954 - 1956

The Eastern Townships of Quebec have contributed many valuable citizens to Montreal and one of those who came to McGill from that region was Charlotte Johnstone, who, as Mrs. Boyd Campbell, was President of the University Women's Club from 1954 to 1956.

Charlotte entered McGill with a Strathcona Residential Scholarship, one of the most important in a period when such awards were few. After graduation she taught for two years in Lachute Academy as a French specialist, and later was for a year principal of the Thetford Mines High School. She is the wife of Dr. Boyd Campbell, the distinguished physical chemist who for many years was Director of Technical Research in the Pulp and Paper Institute of Canada.

During Mrs. Campbell's tenure of office, the Club suffered the loss of a valued director, Mrs. Christofferson. It was also a period of constant financial stress. The Club's assessment rose from \$39,000 to \$62,000, the membership dropped and there were great struggles of mind as to the means, if any, of increasing its income. In addition, staff difficulties arose, and for a time Mrs. Campbell slept at the Club House, and virtually carried out the duties of the Manager.

In spite of all this, the entertainment was brisk and varied. The teas, luncheons and dinners were held regularly as well as the annual book fair and the once-customary rummage sale. Among other items were fashion shows, and talks on such wide-separated subjects as Chantilly and Africa.

In 1938 Mrs. Campbell worked with the McGill Alumnae Society in preparing its brief for the Hepburn Commission; and later, in connection with the Society's brief to the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, she made a survey of certain English and French textbooks. In 1964 the Graduates' Society of McGill University recognized her services to education by making her an emeritus member.



MRS. GRAEME MCLEAN
PRESIDENT 1956 - 1959

In March 1956 Mrs. Graeme McLean (Oxford and Middle Temple) became the tenth President of the Club.

In the May Newsletter there was an open letter from the President, in which Mrs. McLean stated, "The next few years will be a most strenuous period if we are to accomplish what is required for the future prosperity and well-being of our club, and we shall need the combined experience and enthusiasm of all members to achieve our desired ends. For my part, I pledge my most sincere efforts in that cause". Her prophecy as to how strenuous the period would be proved only too true!

It was a strenuous period of monthly Board meetings and even bimonthly meetings, most of which lasted until midnight or later. It was also a strenuous period of Committee meetings for Finance, House and Dining Room, Programme and Membership, to mention but a few. Two special General Meetings were called, one in November 1957 for revision of the By-Laws (the first since 1947) and one in December 1958 to increase the fees from \$30 to \$50 and to include the C.F.U.W. fee of \$2.

It was a strenuous period for a hostess with dinners, luncheons, book fairs, garden parties, art and flower exhibits, fashion shows and rummage sales, and triennial meetings of two organizations. The International Council of Women met in Montreal in 1957 for a triennial meeting to which Mrs. McLean was appointed I.F.U.W. delegate. The Club gave a garden party for a limited number of guests (I.C.W. delegates) and was host to 100 guests at an I.C.W. press conference held at the Club House. When the Canadian Federation of University Women in 1958 met in Montreal, a farewell buffet supper was given the executive of the C.F.U.W. attending this triennial meeting. At the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada held prior to the I.C.W. meeting, Mrs. McLean was appointed C.F.U.W. delegate to attend their

meetings. The Honourable Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough, Secretary of State, accepted an Honorary Special Membership in the Club; and in February a dinner was held in her honour by the Club and the McGill Alumnae Society at the Club. A tea was given in honour of the past presidents of the Club and to inaugurate the Committee of Past Presidents.

It was a strenuous period with house calamities such as basement flooding, furnace exploding, steps and railings cracking, screens and storm windows falling apart and the roof leaking. All these required immediate attention. A new oil burner and hot water heater were installed and other necessary repairs were made, many of them costly. In spite of these costly repairs, the Sun Porch, Members' Room and Lounge were redecorated; the hall papered and painted as well as two bathrooms; several bedrooms and staff quarters were renovated; a deep-freeze and a Mix Master were purchased. Meanwhile it was a strenuous period of staff problems, with three housekeepers, a book-keeper, cooks and maids coming and going.

It was a strenuous period with a drive for new members and for readmission of old members in good standing, and with a revision of the Club's brochure. Special luncheon and dinner menus were planned for certain days of the week to stimulate use of the Club. One summer, the Club operated an annex due to the overwhelming demand for accommodation that year.

It was a most strenuous period and much was accomplished under the leadership of Mrs. Graeme McLean.



MISS KATHLEEN K. FARMER
PRESIDENT 1961 – 1963

As a graduate of the University of Montreal and a member of l'Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités as well as a member of the University Women's Club of Montreal and of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Miss Kathleen B. Farmer, during the years she served as a Director and then as President, proved a most fortunate example of the advantages of bilingualism and established a link between university women of the two founding cultures.

Miss Farmer joined the Board of Directors in 1957, taking up the duties of Corresponding Secretary, and helping in the preparation of a new printed brochure of the Club. Her interest in the records and archives of the Club and her excellent paper work and flair for documentation were immediately apparent. From December 1957 she also acted as Recording Secretary. When the next Board of Directors came into office in the spring of 1958 the duties of Corresponding Secretary were taken over by Mrs. Michael Joyce thus enabling Kathleen Farmer to concentrate on the duties of Recording Secretary during 1958 - the year of the Triennial. As anticipated, the work of both these most able Secretaries proved exceptionally heavy.

The enthusiasm and efficiency which she had shown during the two years as a Director made her an obvious choice as a President, but, because of her heavy business commitments during 1959, she was not able to accept the Presidency until 1961.

One of her first duties as President - and surely one of the most pleasurable - was that of acting as hostess when the Club entertained Madame Vanier, the wife of His Excellency the Governor General. Under the Club's constitution the Board of Directors has the honour of offering Honorary Membership to the wife of the Governor General. Madame Vanier had generously accepted that invitation.

Kathleen Farmer's term of office from 1961 to 1963 covered a most difficult period of the Club's history, for it was during those two years that the Club sold its premises at 3192 Peel Street, moving from there in June 1962, and used the premises of the Themis Club on Sherbrooke Street for its meetings until it joined the Themis Club in its new premises in September 1963. Kathleen Farmer was, therefore, actively concerned with the negotiations leading up to the sale of the premises on Peel Street and with the initial negotiations with the Themis Club which led to the present arrangements with it. She was able to announce at the Annual Meeting in 1963 that an agreement was ready to be signed. At this meeting Kathleen Farmer retired from the Board, having completed, during the previous three years, as onerous and eventful a term of office as any previous President of the Club.



MISS MARGERY W. TRENHOLME
PRESIDENT 1963 - 1966

The agreement with the Themis Club for the renting of accommodation at 910 Sherbrooke Street West was signed on April 25, 1963 on behalf of the University Women's Club by the newly-elected President, Miss Margery W. Trenholme, and by the Vice-President, Mrs. T. W. Peart.

Before the Club could move into these premises in the following September there was much work to be done and many decisions had to be made. For example, the capital acquired by the sale of the Club House on Peel Street had to be carefully invested; the surplus furniture from the old Club House had to be disposed of; the new premises had to be furnished and decorated, which meant that numerous consultations had to be held with an interior decorator. Even after the Club was established in its new quarters, many unforeseen problems arose which had to be dealt with. To mention only one, the draperies had to be fireproofed to comply with the regulations of the City of Montreal's fire department and eventually they had to be shortened to window-sill length in order to prevent their being scorched by excessive heat from the baseboard radiators.

It was therefore fortunate for the Club that at this stage in its history it had a President as capable and conscientious as Miss Trenholme. An experienced administrator - from 1950 on she had been in charge of the Fraser Institute (later the Fraser-Hickson) and had first moved it to temporary quarters and then to a new building - with a clear head for financial matters, Miss Trenholme above all possessed the quality of wholehearted enthusiasm. Both as President and also as Treasurer for three years, she devoted herself tirelessly to the affairs of the Club. As one lifelong friend expressed it "when Margery undertakes to do something, she throws her whole self into the task". At Club functions she was a gracious hostess. She always had a warm word of welcome for new members, and she had a happy knack of introducing them to congenial table companions for the evening.

From the time the Club was founded in 1927 Miss Trenholme was very interested in it through Miss Isabel Hurst, the aunt who brought her up and who was a member of the Club for 33 years, being both a charter and a life member. Through her Miss Trenholme knew many of the early members. Then in later years her other aunt, Miss Katherine Trenholme, was an active member, serving as a Director and also, while Vice-President of the Board, carrying on as Chairman for a number of months when the Club was without a President.

Miss Margery Trenholme was interested not only in our own Club, but also in the Canadian Federation of University Women. One of the personal highlights of her term of office as President was the trip she made to Australia in August 1965 when she was one of the five voting delegates representing Canada at the Triennial Conference of the International Federation of University Women, held at the University of Queensland in Brisbane.



DR. JOAN M.V. FOSTER
PRESIDENT 1966 -

TRIBUTES TO "THE OTHERS"

Tributes have been paid to the Presidents but what of "the others": members of the Board, officers, members of committees, who have contributed so much to the Club over the last forty years?

By and large, the strength of the club has indubitably lain in the hard work, enterprise-and loyal service of certain members, who, by reason of the Club's stationary membership for the first 15 years of its life were being constantly called on to assume leadership on many committees.

No yardstick has been invented to measure the work done or the responsibility accepted by these members, but the club must recall with gratitude the names of these outstanding women.

Miss May Idler, whose name has appeared in the earliest pages of the history of the Club as the originator of the idea, and the chairman of the first meetings of organization, and as one of the three incorporators, is the first. It is very wonderful to think that she is still in such good health of mind and body that she can still attend Club functions to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. W. P. Hodges (Winnie Hodges to her friends) was closely associated with Mrs. Byers in the organization of the club, serving on the first Board and always being available with advice and encouragement. She had fine financial sense and a varied experience, from serving for many years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Protestant School Board of the Town of Mount Royal to serving on the Board of the Themis Club and on its finance committee. So always, at Board meetings when confronted with a financial problem, Mrs. Byers and the other Board members turned to Mrs. Hodges for advice.

Miss Margaret Hadrill, who was associated with Miss Idler and Miss Monk in the incorporation of the Club, was one of its most loyal and enthusiastic members until her death. Her capacity for friendship and her gay and joyous spirit added greatly to the happy atmosphere of the Club.

Miss Eileen Russel did yeoman service in the office of Honorary Treasurer from the Club's inception in 1927 until 1944 - a particularly heart-rending task, as the Club was never "out of the red". Miss Russel was made an Honorary Life Member by the members of the Club for her exceptional services.

Mrs. J. S. Cameron was Corresponding Secretary from 1927 to 1946 and remained on the Board until her death in 1953. Her letter of resignation was submitted almost yearly to the Board, but was never accepted by the Directors - they valued far too highly both Mrs. Cameron's services and her cheeriness to lose her. It was the custom for the wife of each succeeding Governor General to be asked to accept Honorary Membership and to visit the Club, and who else could the Club rely on to write in the proper style but Mrs. Cameron! A memorial in the form of a library table given by her friends is in the lounge of the new Club rooms.

Miss Beatrice Donnelly was a hard-working, equable convener of the house committee, seldom down-hearted despite her limited budget and always willing to attend an auction and pick up treasures for the Club, at low cost, such as the lovely rug for the drawing-room at Peel Street, and the antique mirror in the dining-room there.

Miss Kathleen Jeffs was the original convener of the dining-room committee, and a most successful convener she was. At the time of her death in 1948 she was Vice-President of the Club. The silver candelabra and rose bowl in the lounge are a memorial to Miss Jeffs from the Montreal Branch of the Toronto Alumnae.

At this moment, mention should be made of one of our first House Managers, Miss Louise Brough, who will always be remembered for her good service and her pleasant manner. Her tenure is remembered with gratitude, particularly during the War years when it was almost impossible to hire suitable help.

Still another member who gave invaluable service to the Club was Mrs. A. Stalker, a charter member, who served on the Board from 1943 to 1947. As mentioned above, she headed a committee to have a financial campaign to raise \$6,000 to pay off the debts and transfer or reduce the mortgage. This drive was most successful. Mrs. Stalker's husband, the late Mr. Archie Stalker, offered to interview the Royal Trust Company which represented the Smith Estate. Throughout the history of the Club we have been fortunate in having members whose husbands took an active interest in the affairs of the Club and Mr. Stalker was one of these.

Another to be mentioned should be Miss Isabel Brittain for her service to the Club in its organizational period. Miss Brittain was President of the McGill Alumnae when the Club was formed and has always been, and still is, an enthusiastic supporter of it.

Mrs. J. C. Laird, Mrs. W. J. Hyde, Miss Catherine I. Mackenzie, Mrs. R. D. Harkness, Mrs. Trevor Thompson, Mrs. J. H. Norris, Mrs. E. R. Clark, all assumed responsibilities at various times as officers and conveners of committees (membership, dining-room, finance, etc.), and to them we owe much.

It is interesting to note that many of those who nursed the Club through its first difficult years, and later, were women with full-time professional commitments, women who enjoyed success and renown in their various business and professional occupations. The Club owes them all the greater gratitude for their hard, hard work, their zeal, and their ardent salesmanship of the University Women's Club of Montreal, which would in its time be of great value to the Canadian Federation of University Women and then to the International Federation of University Women.

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*CAMERON, Katherine (Mrs. J. Pope)	McGill (B.A.)
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*JAMES, Agnes S.	McGill (B.A.)
*JEFF S, Kathleen L.	Toronto
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KENNEDY, Kathleen O.	Toronto (B.A.)
KERT, Mrs. David	McGill (B.A.)
KING, L. Mabel	McGill (B.A., M.A.)
KIRCHER, Mrs. Paul	U. of Illinois
LAIDLAW, Agnes W. (Mrs. J. M. Douglas)	Queen's
*LAIRD, Mrs J. C.	Mount Holyoke

LANGSTAFF, Mrs. Annie	McGill (B.C.L.)
LEONOWENS, Anna H. (Mrs. Richard Monahan)	McGill (B.A.)
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*LESLIE, Mrs. Percy	McGill (B.A.)
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*SLATTERY, Anne	McGill (B.A.)
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Mrs. Lorne Gilday	1929
Miss A. Muriel Gillean	1962
*Miss Margaret F. Hadrill	1928-44
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Mrs. G. S. Murray	1929
*Mrs. G. C. McDonald	1929-65
Miss May H. Robertson	1958
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*Miss Sara B. Scott	1928-39
Mrs. Allan L. Smith	1962
*Mrs. R. O. Sweezy	1928-60
*Mrs. Geo. Tomlinson	1939-48
*Mrs. Walter Vaughan	1935-61
Miss A. Muriel Wilson	1928

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