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**Historical Research and Current Events by
Mrs. R. C. Walker.**

Mrs. Walker said the reports received from 11 of the 13 areas were so interesting and informative, it seemed unfortunate that space limits a complete listing of their contents. They show that Institute members are truly striving to learn about and to preserve events of the past by having outstanding mottoes, roll calls, papers, speakers, celebrations and tours as well as studying present day happenings through Current Events at the regular meetings. Historical displays were reported and proved interesting as well as educational. This is a fine way to impress the community with the value of preserving beautiful antiques and should be held often in each branch.

Splendid interest in the compiling of the Tweedsmuir history books is continuing with several reporting their records up to date. Some books have been printed and copies sold, others placed in museums while others are being used in schools to aid in studying

local history. A complete record of the number of books in the Province is not available as two area reports were not received but over 800 Tweedsmuir histories were reported.

The records for the second volume of the Provincial Tweedsmuir book are being compiled and it is hoped to get this book up-to-date during the coming year. Every area reports Current Events as being given in branches, sometimes as roll calls or as an item on the program. Occasionally three or four vital items of the past month were reported and explained by some of the members.

Mrs. Walker asks that we all strive to encourage the preservation of pioneer history —

"For there are villages off the beaten track
Small villages whose history reaches back
To the first coming of the pioneers,
Who braved the hardships of the early years,
And built a nation beautiful and strong,
To which their children's children now belong."