

## Belmore Women's Institute, Branch History.

As a rural organization, open to all women, without race or creed, our Institute has always held a high standard for its meetings.

Basically, educational, they follow their original program, which is to bring to the home maker the best practical training in the care of children and the important task of feeding and clothing their families. We are working for a richer life in rural living.

Our Motto is, "For Home and country"

As there are no records to be found of the first years before 1912, there is little to record before that date, but we have definite proof that the first Institute was organized in around 1904. There is in our possession papers that were prepared and given that year by Caroline Johann, now Mrs Maslin of Regina Sask.

Some of the officers at that time were Mrs McKee, Mrs W. Lowry, Mrs Clyne, Mrs Irwin. Some meetings were held at these homes.

Apparently the meetings discontinued for a while and were started again around 1910 by a speaker from the head office; in 1912 it was again reorganized and from books kept it has been going continuously ever since that date 1912.

Many and varied were the meetings in the following years.

In the first years the meetings were held in the different homes of Institute members. In October 1923 the Methodist church property was purchased for the sum of \$330.<sup>00</sup> and many of the meetings and social functions were then held in the Institute hall. The sheds were made into a skating rink for the young people and a place for the older men to curl, and many the good times did the people enjoy in that rink.

This property was sold in 1951 to Carl Douglas for \$350.<sup>00</sup> and the Institute moved to the new Institute room in the arena and the ladies put new equipment in the kitchen, an electric stove, lights, cupboards, and other kitchen utensils and new chairs to the value