

OFFICERS OF WEST BRUCE DISTRICT



Mrs. Donald McTavish of Port Elgin was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1842. Her maiden name was Janet Stewart Muir . She came to Canada with her mother and brothers in 1855 and eventually became a teacher in Bruce Township, holding that position for three years.

In 1860, she was married, and they lived on a farm at North Bruce for forty-four years, where they raised a family of three sons and eight daughters.

Mrs. McTavish was instrumental in the organization of the Port Elgin branch of Women's Institute in November 1897 and was its first president. She travelled over the greater part of Ontario, organizing and speaking at Branches. In 1906, in company with Hon. E.C. Drury and Home Economists, she toured Manitoulin and St. Joseph's Islands in the interest of the Farmer's and Women's Institutes. In 1910, she presided at the convention of Women's Institutes held in Toronto.

She kept a keen interest in World affairs until her death in Vancouver, B.C. in 1922.

-- contributed by Mrs. Horace Clark, R.R.#2, Paisley
in 1967 (a granddaughter)