

# DO YOU KNOW ?

## **The First Institute**

On February 19th, 1897, the first Women's Institute was organized at Stoney Creek, Ontario, by co-founders, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless and Mr. Erland Lee. The object of this first Women's Institute was "to promote that knowledge of Household Science which shall lead to improvement in household architecture with special attention to home sanitation, to a better understanding of the economic and the hygienic value of foods and fuel, and to a more scientific care of children with a view of raising the general standard of the health of our people."

The Women's Institute organization spread rapidly in Ontario and by 1909 to Alberta and British Columbia; 1910 to Manitoba; 1911 to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, also Homemakers' Clubs in Saskatchewan; 1913 to Nova Scotia; and 1935 to Newfoundland and Labrador as the Jubilee Guilds. Saskatchewan, Newfoundland and Labrador became Women's Institutes in name in 1970 and 1968 respectively. In 1956 a Branch was organized at Haines Junction, Yukon, and in 1962, Branches were organized in the Northwest Territories.

## **The First Institute**

**Organization - Membership - Policy**

### **Purposes/Objects**

**Board Meetings - National Conventions**

**Board of Directors - Committees**

**Achievements**