

# Pioneers of Institute History



MRS. ADELAIDE HOODLESS  
*Founder of the Women's Institutes*



SQUIRES HALL, STONEY CREEK  
*Where the First Women's Institute was Organized*

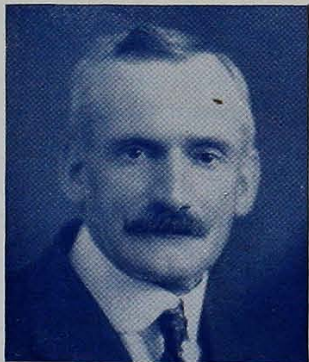
## How the Institutes Began

In Squires Hall, at Stoney Creek, Ontario, pictured above, the first Women's Institute was born on February 19th, 1897.

Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, to the left, was instrumental in organizing this pioneer Institute, from which has grown the great organization that is now celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mr. Erland Lee co-operated with Mrs. Hoodless in planning for the first meeting at which the Women's Institute was organized. Senator E. D. Smith, along with Major Carpenter and Mr. Lee, assisted the committee of ladies in formulating the original constitution and by-laws.

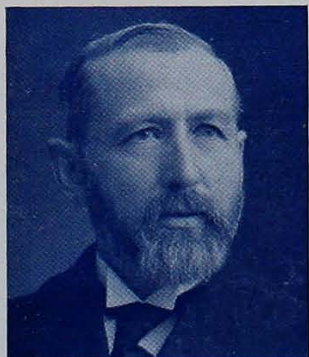
Mrs. E. D. Smith was the first President, Miss M. Nash the first Secretary and Mrs. J. H. McNeilly the first Treasurer of the Mother Institute at Stoney Creek.



MR. ERLAND LEE



MAJOR CARPENTER



SENATOR E. D. SMITH



MRS. E. D. SMITH



MISS M. NASH



MRS. J. H. MCNEILLY