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**GEORGE PUTNAM
FORMER SUPERINTENDENT,
CALLED BY DEATH
NOV. 4, 1936**

George Alfred Putnam, Superintendent of Women's Institutes of Ontario for thirty years, passed away on November 4, in his sixty-seventh year. He will long be remembered for his enthusiasm and sincere interest in the development of Women's Institutes. During his term of office the Institutes grew from a membership of seven to forty thousand women. Hundreds of these members knew Mr. Putnam personally and throughout their lives they will honour his memory.

Long Service

Mr. Putnam was appointed Superintendent of the Institute Branch in 1904, succeeding the late Dr. G. C. Creelman. He held the office until two years ago when he was superannuated. A short time after taking over the duties of Superintendent, he accepted the additional post of Director of Dairying which he held for almost ten years.

Previous to 1904, he was secretary to the President of Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. While he was at the college he took the degree in Scientific Agriculture.

Early Education

Mr. Putnam was born in Lyons, Elgin County, and came of United Empire Loyalist stock. He received his early education in the Lyons public school and Aylmer High School. Later, he took a business course and worked for a short time in London before going to Guelph.

Surviving besides his widow, the former May Shuttleworth of Mount Albert, are one son, Ross; one daughter, Madelyn; two sisters, Mrs. Frederick Row of Woodstock and Mrs. Chas. Martin of Springfield, and two brothers Charles and Roland of Aylmer.

Memorial Fund

The new settlements in northern Ontario were always Mr. Putnam's special concern and two years ago his services in this direction were recognized by "The Putnam Relief Fund" to which the Institutes in southern Ontario contributed. The fund will be continued and will be used to help where need has been recommended by a northern Institute. The name of this fund will be changed to "The Putnam Memorial Fund".

HAD MEN SUPERINTENDENTS 29 YEARS

The Women's Institutes were placed under the direction of Mr. Hodson, superintendent of Farmers' Institutes. It is interesting to note that for 29 years the Women's Institutes of Ontario had men superintendents, the others being Dr. George C. Creelman (afterwards president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph) up to 1900, and the late George M. Putnam, a graduate of O.A.C., who held the position for more than 25 years. In 1934, he was succeeded by Miss Bess McDermand, graduate of Moulton College, Macdonald College, O.A.C., and post-graduate of Columbia University with several years extension work at Columbia and Cornell Universities, also a pioneer in W.I. work in Alberta. Upon her marriage to Mr. Guy Skinner, Storrs, Conn., last November, she resigned. Miss Mary A. Clarke, of the staff of Macdonald College, took over the duties of this office, January 1, 1939.



Women's Institute Lecturers.

Annual Convention of Women's Institute Lectures, held in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, on April 1, 2, 3.

Names, reading from left to right, are:

FRONT—Mrs. Waits, Toronto; Mrs. Dawes, Thedford; Mrs. W. H. Hunter, Brampton; Miss Susie Campbell, Toronto; Mrs. Geo. Brodie, Newmarket; Miss Pearl M. Gray, St. Thomas; Mrs. H. W. Parsons, Toronto.
SECOND ROW—Dr. Backus, Aylmer; Mrs. M. Sullivan, Emo; Miss B. Gilholm, Bright; Mrs. K. B. Coutts, Thamesville; Dr. L. K. Sirrs, Campbellville; Miss E. M. Collins, Ancaster; Mrs. J. Patterson, Gadshill; Mrs. M. Bolton, Wiarion; Mrs. W. H. Price, Toronto; Mr. G. A. Putnam, Superintendent, Toronto.
THIRD ROW—Mrs. B. O. Allen, Fort William; Miss M. Powell, Whitby; Mrs. J. J. Lowe, Preston; Miss D. M. Sutherland, Toronto; Mrs. Jas. Reid, Renfrew; Miss E. Hopkins, Lindsay; Dr. M. Patterson, Toronto; Dr. G. C. Creelman, Commissioner of Agriculture, Toronto.
BACK ROW—Miss B. Duncan, Toronto; Miss G. Gray, Toronto; Dr. Mary Mackenzie Smith, Gravenhurst; Miss E. M. Chapman, Toronto; Miss A. Coutts, Thamesville.

**EMILY J. GUEST
TAKEN BY DEATH**

Was Pioneer of Women's
Institute



EMILY J. GUEST, M.A.

Well-known writer, lecturer and educationist, who died at the home of her sister in Toronto yesterday, following a long illness.

Miss Emily J. Guest died suddenly yesterday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Earle M. Grose, 9 Evelyn Crescent. Miss Guest had been ill for some time.

Miss Guest was born on a farm near Birr, in Middlesex County. She was a graduate of the University of Toronto and had studied at Columbia and Oxford. After graduating, Miss Guest taught in high schools at Park Hill and in Belleville Collegiate, where she was head of the English Department. During these years she was a pioneer in the Women's Institute movement in Ontario.

In 1916 Miss Guest gave up teaching to do V.A.D. work in England. There, in a war hospital, she had charge of the distribution of Red Cross supplies to Canadian soldiers. Always a pacifist in her sympathies, she was an ardent campaigner in the cause of peace.

During the war, when food shortage became a problem in Great Britain, Miss Guest was one of the two Canadian women asked by the British Government to organize Women's Institutes for food conservation, and for some time she carried out this work in England and Wales. Later she was appointed Chief Organizer of the institutes of Scotland. Returning to Canada after the war, she gave her time to lecture work and journalism. A series of articles on vocational guidance, and others on economics and social systems, written after a trip to Russia, Denmark and Germany, recently attracted a great deal of attention.

Miss Guest was a member of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club and of High Park United Church. She is survived by a brother, Ernest, of Birr, Ont., and three sisters, Miss Ellina, Dr. Edna and Mrs. Earle Grose, all of Toronto. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon from High Park United Church.