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Greetings

A Message from

The Prime Minister of Canada

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the original Women's Institute in Canada will provide an occasion for many messages of greeting, and of tribute to the memory and example of the women of Stoney Creek who were the pioneers of a movement which has extended throughout the world.

The value of the work of Women's Institutes in the rural life of our country during half a century cannot be over-estimated. It must be a satisfaction to all officers and members of Women's Institutes today to reflect upon the devoted efforts of fifty years, and upon the notable advances in public and community welfare which Institute activity has made possible. I do not doubt that from this satisfaction will come a renewed incentive to achieve still greater benefits for the homes of Canada through the united efforts of interested homemakers.

I count it a privilege to join in extending greetings to all those who will assemble at Guelph to mark this fiftieth anniversary. I send every good wish for continued opportunities of service to the community throughout the second fifty years of Women's Institutes in Canada.

W. L. Mackenzie King

A Message from

The Prime Minister of Ontario

It gives me much pleasure to extend hearty greetings to the members of the Women's Institutes of Ontario who are attending the fiftieth anniversary commemoration being held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The activities of the various Women's Institutes throughout Ontario are well known to us all. Those who have taken part in this work throughout the years have done much toward the improvement and advancement of rural and in some instances urban home life. While your membership now totals over 33,000, it is to be hoped your influence will continue to grow and expand in the interests of better home life.

With best wishes for a successful commemoration and with warm regards, believe me,

George Drew

A Message from

The Ontario Minister of Agriculture

Fifty years the Women's Institutes of Ontario have been making a noteworthy contribution to the betterment of rural life and living. Many of the amenities of life which have been introduced into our farming communities are a direct result of the persistent efforts of the clear-thinking women who, down through the years, have given leadership to the Women's Institute movement. Better schools, better health services, better community facilities have been developed because there were Women's Institutes to see the need for them and work unceasingly for them. On this 50th Anniversary, you can look back to half a century of achievement. Now you face the future, and must look forward to doing even greater things than are recorded in the treasured history of the past. I congratulate you all on fifty years of work well done, and wish for you further progress towards the attainment of all your aims and objectives.

Thomas L. Kennedy