

snow to see that the children in a rural school had a hot lunch — once they realized that a hot lunch in the depth of a Canadian winter was an essential in the children's upbringing. They have worn down the old prejudices of those who have complained "It was never done before," and have put sanitary drinking cups and paper towels and, the teaching of music as well, into schools with the money they make, a few nickels at a time. With all these benefits for the children looked after and classes of various kinds for the ladies themselves. They turned their attention on the teenage girls and formed garden clubs and Junior Homemaking clubs, for well we know, the girls of today are the women of tomorrow and we must help them fit themselves for the tasks ahead of them.

We in the Institute know that, "The best thing in life is the shared thing." The Institute gave us the community spirit before we had community halls.

So — these are a few of the results of that small meeting at Stony Creek in the year 1897.

Stony Creek — the scene of a struggle for the preservation of Canadian life and living back in 1812-14, was a fitting setting for that great event of outstanding interest to us all — The founding of the Mother Institute!