

Origin of the W . I. --3--

In 1898 these progressive Institute women began writing papers for the Farmer's Institute meetings in other countries and shortly afterwards they began writing articles for several agricultural publications. This, together with the fact that the Mother Institute in the earliest days, had been a ward of the Government and placed under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Agriculture, did much to spread the gospel of the Women's Institute to other parts of the provinces.

In 1900 the Institute began to co-operate with other women's organizations in matters pertaining to women and children. Gradually their work extended more and more into the community. During the First Great War, the Mother Institute endeavoured to do her bit.

Since that time, community work had claimed her attention. Valuable assistance has been rendered the library, community park, schools etc.. and thanks to the W.I. every school today in Saltfleet is under the supervision of a properly qualified school nurse.

The members are very proud of their pin--chosen in 1903, and I trust each member is endeavouring to live up to the ideals embodied in the constitution and in our motto, penned by Laura Rose Stephen in 1902. "FOR HOME AND COUNTRY", the underlying principles of which are co-operation and service based upon kindness and love.

"Long may our Institution stand,
To bless the home and native land,
Aye, stand undaunted in its might,
For Home and Country, God and Right."