

Women of Ontario. Helped them attain this great quantity by sending over that home preserving equipment over where it was needed. Mind you the Canadian farm woman didn't stop there though - she'd done a fair amount, but not enough to her way of thinking. So in addition she put up different kinds of jam down on her own farm and sent those over to Britain too, where they were distributed to the Children's Homes through the Canadian Red Cross. So, to say that the city gals ought to give three cheers ^{for the country gals.} is hardly enough. This was not found as satisfactory as commercial jam, of which this year we plan to send 250,000 pounds tons.

But then Miss Christmas told me something else that rather amazed me. She told me that that afternoon she'd just returned from a trip to Stoney Creek and she sounded so excited about it I wondered at first why, - till she explained - and here was the reason - something I'd never known before.

Stoney Creek, here in Ontario had the very first Women's Institute Feb. 1898 and after their original project came into being all the others were formed, with a woman by the name of Mrs. Alfred Watt taking the idea to Britain. Miss Christmas said that, in Britain they formed their Institutes on the exact pattern of ours. They look upon us as being the mother, the position being reversed as we look upon B. as the mother country. The motto is the same. The pins differ only in having a rose thistle or lark etc upon them, allowing of course for certain differences which naturally arose owing to Britain's place on the map and the different type of rural life they had as a result of that. Now when Miss Christmas was up in Stoney Creek she met seven of the charter members of the first Women's Institute which was formed 48 years ago. One of the charter members of the first Women's Institute, as she mentioned in particular was Mrs. Duck who is now in her 80 but is still very active and has a qualms about flying all over the country and is still intereste