



Architects' Plea

'Preserve The Homestead'

SALTFLEET — Preservation of the historic Lee homestead has been backed by the Hamilton-Niagara branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

The homestead on the Mountain Brow belonged to Erland Lee, co-founder of the Women's Institute — a movement which has spread throughout the world since its inception in 1879.

BRANCH President, Mrs. Robert Simmons said that with judicious planning, the homestead could be a valuable attraction to the area, and credit to the Women's Institute.

It should not be too difficult, she said, to raise funds to purchase and maintain it if its historical claims were properly presented to national or international institute members.

The federated Women's Institute of Ontario has been working at provincial level for several years to purchase the 94-year-old home.

OPERATING separately, a the Lee family for six generations.

citizens' committee has won the support of Stoney Creek and Saltfleet councils in efforts to have the province purchase and help maintain the homestead through the recently created Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Previous lack of funds has prevented various civic and women's groups from buying it.

A plaque donated by South Wentworth Women's Institute is the only distinguishing mark on the property, which has been in

MEMBERS of the family recently announced their intention to sell the homestead, adding a note of urgency to the preservationists campaigning.

William Stewart, provincial minister of agriculture, will unveil a plaque Oct. 1 to dedicate the Erland Lee homestead as a historic site.

Hundreds of institute members from across Ontario are expected to attend.