

The beginning of Tweedsmuir Books

During Lord Tweedsmuir's term as Governor General of Canada, Lady Tweedsmuir took great interest in the Women's Institutes. She stressed the need for preserving the history of our Canadian people, places, customs and activities. Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) decided to act upon her suggestion and a Tweedsmuir History Book became the project of each Women's Institute branch within Ontario. Today 1125 branches, 112 districts and 14 areas each have a Tweedsmuir History Book and many branches have 2 or 3 volumes.

Main topics covered in these books are: the branch Women's Institute and its contribution to the welfare and development of the community; general community history; individual families and homes; schools and education; churches and their organizations; industries past and present; libraries; municipal government; recreation; and war records.

Many hours of hard work go into these books, but they form a valuable part of the history of this province. Keep up the good work.

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