

the organization, the name was shortened to the "Women's Institute of Saltfleet. When another Institute was formed in the township, the first organization again altered its name and was in future known as the "Stoney-Creek Women's Institute. The Institute later become associated with the Department of Agriculture and was given a grant to assist in its work. The movement has since spread and now similar organizations are to be found in nearly every country in the world, organizations patterned after this first Institute formed in Stoney Creek in 1897.

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The meeting held for that purpose was called for Feb. 11th 1897. Mrs. Hodless was again asked to be present at this gathering. When Mrs. Hodless arrived she found about 100 women present, and one Mrs. Lee. This meeting formed the organization known as the "Women's Department of Domestic Affairs" in affiliation with the former's Institute of Stoney Creek. As this name was so lengthy, at the next meeting of Feb. 18th 1897, the name was changed to "Women's Institute of Stoney Creek".

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