

strong ladies have carried on, doing their projects, completing the Tweedsmuir Histories that now have a limitless value.

What a legacy to carry forward! The challenges that faced our mothers and grandmothers were daunting, but the 21st century is bringing a whole new set of challenges. Each rural woman has a larger portfolio of knowledge in today's world than did our foremothers in a large community.

With global communications, we see the challenges that face us as we attempt to feed the world's malnourished children. We learn about new technology called Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points commonly called HACCP (pronounce hasip) which defines for us the places where bacteria is most likely to contaminate food products. Women are in private corporation workforces, in key jobs in government, in top positions in world organizations; women are a force in today's world.

And many of us owe the gains that women have made in society to the Women's Institute. This first organization of women for the common good has influenced many of our lives. Quiet, unassuming, and not given to the spectacular, the Women's Institute has operated faithfully For Home and Country.

As the liaison officer of Ontario Federation of Agriculture for the Women's Institute, as a person who has been honoured by this Lakeside Women's Institute, and as a woman who honours the women of the rural community, I wish you well as you begin your next one hundred years.

