

Besides this, the National Federation of Women's Institutes is arranging tours of the Institutes in this Country with hospitality in country homes of England, Scotland and Wales. They will thus see the country life from the inside and the work of the Institutes in the United Kingdom.

It seems to me a most happy combination of circumstances which will make it possible for women from Canada and the United States to attend a great International rural Conference; to take part in its discussions and also to attend the educational meetings of the International Council of Women with its wider interests; to see country life in England, Wales and Scotland, and Women's Institutes work in many of its phases, such as meetings, classes, pageants, exhibitions, choral and dramatic competitions, and lastly to see and hear the wonderful Annual General Meeting of the English Women's Institutes.

I presume that the Women's Institutes of your Province have already received invitations from the National or Provincial Councils of Women of Canada, and it may be that you have been asked to give consideration to the choice and sending of delegates. If this is not the case - and one realises how difficult it often is to get invitations of this character to the proper quarters - would you be kind enough to have enquiries made, and if there are any bodies of rural women which have not received invitations, it would be kind if you would let Lady Aberdeen know this at once. In any case I hope you will actively interest yourself in the matter.

I should like to emphasize that there are two special reasons why every effort should be made to have adequate Canadian representation:

- 1). Canada is the pioneer country in organising rural women. Long before any other nation realised their importance Canadian country women were organised in Women's Institutes, and not only has it given an example to the World, but her organisation and her plan of work has been copied by almost every country.

It would indeed be a thousand pities, and in my opinion, an irrevocable mistake, if Canadian women were not present to take their rightful places as Leaders in this world movement.

- 2). This gathering affords an excellent opportunity for the Governments and Educational Institutes concerned to recognise the part women are plying in Canadian rural