

Recognition of this work of the Canadian Institutes was given by the King on two occasions when the two F.W.I.C. wartime presidents were mentioned in the King's Honours List. In 1943, Mrs. H.A. Dunham, retiring President, was created a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, (C.B.E.), and in 1946 her successor, Mrs. Cameron Dow, was named an Officer of the same Order, (.O.B.E.).

In addition to their war work, during these years the Institutes maintained their regular program of study and action in the fields of health, education, social welfare, homemaking and citizenship.

With Canada's new Citizenship Act coming into force on January 1, 1947, citizenship is highlighted in this year's study program. The role and responsibilities of women in political life is being stressed. Institutes are working to have women appointed on School Boards and to other municipal offices. Immigration problems and policies are also being studied.

Much of the work of the Women's Institutes has always been directed towards securing improved health services in rural areas. Among the projects being stressed this year are establishment of school clinics, measures for the control of tuberculosis, cancer and venereal disease, and immunization of children against infectious diseases. Many Institutes are sponsoring the Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan in their communities. The provision of school lunches is receiving widespread attention.

The provision of scholarships to enable rural girls to attend colleges of Household Science has been a regular feature of the work of several provincial Institutes for some years.

In Ontario, the birth-place of the Women's Institute movement, Institute members are celebrating their 50th anniversary by creating an "Adelaide Hoodless Fund". Their objective is \$36,000 and the fund will provide scholarships to enable girls from Ontario farm homes to study Home Economics at the provincial Agricultural College.

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