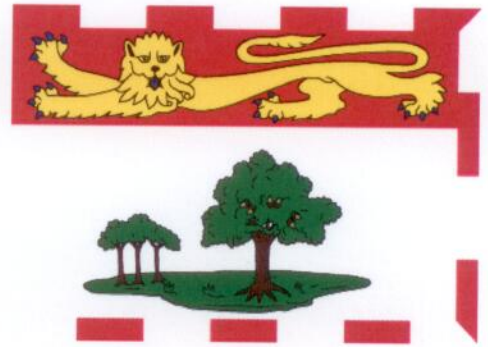


Around The World on P.E.I.



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Canada is the birthplace of the Women's Institute movement. Women's Institute is a name which stands for respect and admiration not only in rural areas, but in urban areas as well as in all status of people, including government.

Mrs. Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, founder of Women's Institute turned her personal grief into a crusade to save other women from a similar experience.

On February 19th, 1897 a hundred rural women met at Stoney Creek, a suburb of Hamilton Ontario, under the auspices of the Farmer's Institute. The meeting was addressed by Erland Lee and Mrs. Hoodless. Thus, the first Women's Institute was formed.

~ There is also a Hamilton on PEI ~ Mark it on your map.

Between 1909 and 1913 all the provinces had organized Women's Institute's or kindred groups with common aims.

The women of York, PEI formed the first local branch in 1911. Although there was no provision under the Department of Agriculture at that time for such an organization, their work was commended in the Dept. Of Agriculture report in 1911. They are called Alpha York WI.

~Mark York on your map.

In 1913, Mrs. Alfred Watt, a Canadian, went to London, England where she helped found the first Women's Institute in the United Kingdom. Wales in 1915, and shortly after Scotland formed their Women's Institute.

~Some places you can mark on your map from these places are London (New London), Cardigan, and Caledonia.

The Women's Institute movement quickly spread to Australia and New Zealand. Victoria and Wellington are their capitals.

~ Let's mark Victoria, Wellington and New Zealand on your map.

Dunedin is also in New Zealand and PEI. Did you know that Australia also has a Murray River?

~ Mark these places on your map.

In February of 1919 Women's Institute representatives from all the provinces met in Winnipeg with the result that the Federated Women's Institute of Canada became a national organization. From the beginning, the FWIC was interested in an international federation.

In 1923, Mrs. Watt invited rural women's organization in the United States to join. USA places like Alaska, Bangor, Elmira, Georgetown, Milton and Auburn are also places on PEI.

~ Mark these places on your map.

A conference was organized in Sweden in 1933. The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) was formed. Mrs. Watt was unanimously elected President. The next conferences were held in 1936 and 1939 and then WWII broke out. The next conference was not held until 1947, and has been held every three years since. A few of the same places where conferences were held that are places in PEI are Toronto -1953, Norway -1971, and Perth - 1974 (New Perth on PEI).

~Mark these places on your map.

Mrs. Raymond Sayre who succeeded Mrs. Alfred Watt as President had described ACWW as "A Bridge of Understanding, a Window to the World of this great organization". All Women's Institute members are a part, working "to promote and maintain friendly and helpful relations between country women's and homemakers organizations of all nations, and to give any possible help in their development of a better economic, social and culture life".

There are presently 360 member Societies active in over 70 countries.

There were 19 communities named. How well do you know your Island?