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THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ODE

(Tune, "Auld Lang Syne")

A goodly thing it is to meet In friendship's circle bright, Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet Or dims the radiant light. No unkind word our lips shall pass, No envy sour the mind, But each shall seek the common weal, The good of all mankind.

MARY STEWART COLLECT

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed; Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking; May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous; Teach us to put into action our better impulses straightforward and unafraid; Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle; Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one;

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

O CANADA!

O Canada! Our home and native land True patriot love in all thy sons command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise, The True North strong and free; And stand on guard, O Canada, We stand on guard for thee.

Chorus

O Canada! Glorious and free! We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.



To:

THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES **OF CANADA**

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We are proud of your achievement in the betterment of rural life, and of the fact that it had its beginning in Canada.

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