

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF
WOMEN AND CHILDREN,

MONTREAL, February 22, 1890.

Hon. JOHN CARLING,

Minister of Immigration and Agriculture,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose, for your careful consideration, copies of a statement, prepared by me for the information of the Senate, with reference to the inadequate legal protection presently afforded to women and children in this Dominion, more especially to helpless girls who are without expectations and without resident guardians; and

I am to urge upon you the obligation which lies on your Department, to promote such amending legislation as will secure to immigrant girls arriving in Canada (many of whom are now debauched and ruined for want of legal protection) the benefits of at least as effectively protective laws, as prevail in Great Britain and the other countries from whence they have emigrated; and also as much legal security in Canada as obtains in those neighboring States with which Canada is in such keen competition.

Apart from any considerations of humanity and morality, this aid would seem to be required of you in the mere interests of material prosperity, and in view of the fostering care of immigration which your Department has in its charge.

I am, your obedient servant,

D. A. WATT,
Chairman, etc., etc.