

Remarks were made by Messrs. Hoolahan and Marquette, the latter observing that the chief reason of the difficulty in obtaining domestics and inducing girls to immigrate was that the rates of passage were too high, and that it was almost hopeless, in the face of this fact and of the state aid rendered to such immigrants by certain of the Australian colonies, to bring over girls for domestic service. Girls could travel from Bristol to Australia for a guinea, while the fare to Canada was twenty-four dollars. He suggested that the Dominion Government again introduce the system of assisted passages to such immigrants as were worthy of them.

Miss Derrick alluded to a plan in which the Women's National Immigration Society has been interested, for the employment of educated women to undertake domestic work by the day. She states her experience of ladies employed as domestic servants in England, an experiment which has proved very successful. She regretted that Vancouver had not yet attempted the proposal of a temporary boarding house for ladies so employed, and expressed a hope that it might be possible to carry out such an experiment in Montreal.

Mrs. Cox then spoke on the subject of the Doukhobors, and said the joint sub-committee of the Montreal Local Council and the Women's National Immigration Society undertook last spring to show its practical sympathy with the persecuted Russian Doukhobors, and \$500 was collected from Montreal citizens and quantities of warm clothing. The money was spent in buying milk cows for the women and children, and the clothing proved most useful for a certain section of the exiles who had suffered most persecution and loss. This committee is again occupied with an effort to raise a loan fund to provide material, spinning wheels and looms, to give occupation to the women through the long winter months, and to enable them to do something towards the support of the families during this year, which is likely to be the most trying time they will pass through.

The Rev. James Patterson then moved that the following ladies be elected Office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. John Cox; First Vice-President, Mrs. Gillespie; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Andrew A. Allan; Third Vice-President, Mrs. E. S. Clouston; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Percy P. Vosburgh.

In seconding the adoption of above names, the Rev. Abbot-Smith spoke of the need of a Travellers' Aid Society for the special