

MINUTES
—OF—
SUB-EXECUTIVE MEETING
HELD SINCE LAST CONVENTION.

TORONTO, MARCH 16TH, 1895.

The Sub-Executive of the Ontario W. C. T. U. met at the residence of Mrs. Rutherford, 16 Sussex Avenue, at 9.30 a.m.

The President, Mrs. Thornley, in the chair.

The meeting was opened with Scripture reading by the President, and a short prayer by each member present.

There were present: Mrs. Thornley, President; Mrs. Rutherford, Vice-President; Mrs. Wilcy, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Cosford, Recording Secretary; and Miss MacArthur, Treasurer.

Considerable time was spent in discussion of the work generally, somewhat in reference to the public movements of the day regarding prohibition in Ontario. Also the Department of Lumbermen's Work demanded serious thought.

The following recommendations were made:

That the Lumbermen's Work be divided into sections, according to situation of camps, with an Associate Superintendent for each section. The Associate Superintendent to attend to her camps and draw her supplies from the Unions in her section. The Provincial Superintendent shall be in communication with all the Associate Superintendents; shall have charge of the Missionary, if we have one, and gather the reports of year's work.

That we offer the Dominion Union the Literature stock at face value, the Dominion Union to pay down whatever amount exceeds \$300.00, the remainder payable in yearly installments of \$100.00 each, without interest.

That those who shall present greetings at the Provincial Convention be allowed only two minutes to speak.

NOTE.

On March 18th, 1895, the Sub-Executive interviewed Sir Oliver Mowat and the Cabinet with a view of bringing before them the utter inefficiency of the Act for the protection of persons employed in places of business other than factories.

As emphatically as possible the deputation laid before these gentlemen the different points that were lacking, thus permitting positive cruelty to be inflicted upon the many by the thoughtlessness of the few, and earnestly assured them that, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, the evil would never be remedied unless a woman inspector was appointed.

Facts and figures were left with Sir Oliver at his request, and the deputation retired very hopeful of some radical improvement being made in the law.

Shortly after our deputation waited upon the Cabinet two government measures, one amending the Factory Act so as to secure a woman inspector, and the other amending the Mercantile Act in such a manner as to render it workable, were introduced into the House and carried.