

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1920

## WILL TAKE CHARGE OF WOMEN'S DEPARTMENTS AT EXHIBITION

Arrangements to be Made for Formal Presentation of Drinking Fountain—Local Executive has Plans for Entertaining National Council of Women Well in Hand—Much Business Transacted Yesterday.

The executive of the Women's Council met yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms with the president, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, in the chair. Much progress was made in arrangements for the annual meeting of the National Council to be held in St. John in June and other important business was discussed. The newly affiliated Y. W. P. A. was welcomed by Mrs. Smith in a gracious speech to its president, Miss Alice Fairweather.

Mrs. David McLellan, for the hall committee, reported satisfactorily. Mrs. J. Boyle Travers, for the luncheon committee, said the following societies had consented to take charge of the luncheons on the different days: Tuesday, German Street Baptist Church; Wednesday, United Women's Missionary Society; Thursday, St. Monica's Society; Friday, St. Monica's Society; Saturday, Y. W. C. A. and the Juniors of the Natural History Society; Monday, United Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church; Tuesday, Women's Hospital Aid and Graduate Nurses; Wednesday, Church of England Institute Ladies' Auxiliary, and Thursday, the executive of the Women's Council, with the assistance of societies not tendering other luncheons. Mrs. Travers spoke of the plan to submit all menus in order to have them conform with each other and yet have sufficient variety. She also told of the intention of selling a certain number of tickets to the lun-

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cheons each day. All delegates of the St. John Council and other councils are to be served free of charge.

Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, for the hospitality committee, reported subscriptions from organizations and individuals and gave the names of available lodging places. She said thirty-three delegates were already promised hospitality by individuals or organizations. She thanked Mrs. D. P. Chisholm for advice and said that Mrs. E. A. Schofield had been added as a member of her committee. She acknowledged the receipt of \$10 from Mrs. Frank Likely. Her report was an excellent and comprehensive one. Mrs. Raymond also read a letter from Mrs. Madison of Moncton, which referred to Mrs. Raymond's report of the vocational work in St. John as having been read

with much interest and benefit in Moncton in consideration of the intention of establishing vocational training in Moncton in the fall.

Through Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. William Estano of Moncton, had sent the suggestion of the Moncton council that the National Council be invited to visit that city. The Moncton council has offered to provide a luncheon for the National Council and should the trip be carried out as proposed the National Council would include Sackville in the day's journey, having afternoon tea as the guest of the Sackville council before returning to St. John. This proposition was not considered favorably, partly because of the expense

and partly because of the weariness of the journey.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Dignan of Toronto, that an evening on "Fine Art" be arranged and members of the St. John Art Club present were to obtain its co-operation.

The announcement that Miss Grace Leavitt, as a member of the ways and means committee, had been instrumental in obtaining a city grant of \$500 for the entertainment of the delegates to the National Council was received with applause. Other announcements made by the ways and means committee were the receipt of funds from life-membership fees, twelve having paid these dues and the preparation of a souvenir booklet containing the programme, some extra copies of which are to be sold. Mrs. J. H. Frink reported four new life members, Mrs. Frank Peters, Mrs. H. B. Peck, Mrs. J. A. McElroy and Mrs. F. G. Spencer. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith reported having herself presented a life membership to Miss Millican, the corresponding secretary. Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. R. T. Hayes, previously reported as life members, and Miss Millican each received their membership pins from Mrs. Smith at the meeting.

Mrs. James McAvity reported receiving a donation from Miss Mary Thorne and Miss Alice Estey told of deciding Mrs. E. L. Rising as a life member. Mrs. A. W. Estey reported progress for the work of the bureau of information.

At the local council will have only six voting delegates to the National Council meeting a nominating committee to select these six delegates was appointed composed of the following members: Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. A. Young and Mrs. J. Boyle Travers. Mrs. McLellan, as provincial representative on the National Council, is a voting member. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith spoke of having been asked by several of the western councils to allow her name to be put up for president of the National Council, but explained that she could not under any circumstances accept nomination. The meeting voiced its appreciation of the honor done the local president in hearty applause.

### Women's Sunday.

As it has been customary to observe the Sunday in the convention week as a special Women's Sunday, it was decided that the clergy would be asked to deliver sermons on subjects of special concern to women and the following were appointed to approach the clergy of their denominations in this matter: Presbyterian, Miss Millican; Anglican, Mrs. E. A. Young; Mrs. James McAvity; Methodist, Mrs. R. A. Corbett and Mrs. A. W. Estey; Baptist, Mrs. J. H. Jenner and Mrs. David McLellan; Catholic, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm; Council of Army, Mrs. Moore; Hebrews, Mrs. Green.

The possibilities of having the programme include a trip up the river on Saturday for as yet no plan has been decided. Mrs. T. Bullock in Westfield and a reception in St. John on the first night, as well as a concert in the Imperial Theatre were discussed.

Representative of the W. C. T. U., the United Women's Missionary Societies and The King's Daughters were appointed to arrange the devotional meetings that will be held each morning of the convention. Those named were Mrs. C. E. Sanford, Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mrs. J. B. Gough and Mrs. James F. Robertson.

Mrs. Smith having pointed out that all members of all affiliated societies are free to attend the meetings of the National Council, but that only the six delegates from each local council and the members of the National Council would have votes, spoke impressively of the standing of the National Council. It was said an organization that had kept the faithful service of many of its charter members through all its twenty-six years of existence. Many of them had grown old gracefully in its service and had found in its work a saving power in time of personal affliction.

### Exhibition Plans.

Before adjournment some matters of interest to the local council only were discussed. Miss A. Hazen spoke of the placing of the drinking fountain in Brussels street and it was decided that a formal presentation of the fountain to the city should be made. On motion of Mrs. David McLellan, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, it was decided that the Women's Council should take charge of the tea room, the fancy work and art room, the baby welfare work and all of the women's department in the exhibition in the fall.

All transactions of the executive were declared to be subject to the approval of the regular meeting.

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