

To our Council in London we are indebted for getting into closer touch with the Trades and Labour Councils which we consider will be of great value to us. The Trades and Labour Congress has lately passed a resolution whereby they express a wish to have a representative on our Council in any city where they may be organized, and this will help us to arrive at a right understanding of matters regarding working women. London has also the distinction of being the first Council to admit a political association. Only a few days ago we had an application from the Conservative Women's League to be admitted to which we gave a very ready welcome. We have sometimes been accused of being a political organization—I am not sure in which direction—and I have often had to explain that we are in no sense of the word political. But we accept the affiliation of societies of political women in the same way as we accept that of any church society. We ask of them no pledge except one that they will help us to apply the golden rule to society, custom, and law. (Applause.)

In the Maritime Provinces the Councils are very active. The St. John Council under Lady Tilley's earnest guidance. I have mentioned their action already in regard to the Boards of School Trustees. They have also obtained valuable statistics regarding women in the various countries of the world.

They have also arranged for an ambulance and patrol waggon to be offered to the city council.

Halifax has supported kindergarten teaching for the blind, and have also taken particular interest in the immigrants arriving in that city. A committee from the Council meets every boat that comes and arranges with the Immigration Department for the comfort of the immigrants. The Council is particularly grateful to the Government for acceding to the request made for the change of immigration matron, and for the appointment of Mrs. Cornell of Quebec to that post. We have also to thank Mr. Kenny for his help in this matter. (Applause.)

At Edmonton we have also a little Council which has taken an interest in all our work and was plucky enough to be ready to make arrangements to send three delegates to the Council last year, but at the last moment some unforeseen hitch occurred about their transportation. They formed a committee last year to aid in all ways the hospital which is being built by the sisters.

The Council at Calgary has only just been formed, but much interest is being shown. The societies of the place are joining and under the presidency of Madame Rouleau I know they will make good progress. They are taking up the subject of Associated Charities.

Regina promises to be as good a Council as we have. They have started a good branch of the Aberdeen Association for sending out literature to the settlers in the Northwest. They are also engaged in an hospital scheme and have already arranged for a nurse and two rooms where patients can be taken in until an hospital can be started,