

and bring the women in the smaller centres into touch with it. After all, it is in the smaller places, even more than in the cities, that there is need for the knowledge which this Commission acquires, and the National Council could be of material assistance in disseminating it there.

Conditions in
Smaller Towns

Not long ago I was in a small village in Ontario, one of the most beautiful in the Province. I was being driven around by one of the ladies who shewed me the various places of interest there. She said to me: "We have one of the most beautiful towns in Ontario, (as indeed they have); we have a very beautiful school property right on the lake. Unfortunately, a large, cold-storage building in connection with the fruit industry has been built, and a railway switch has been run down past both entrances of our school, spoiling the property, and making it dangerous for the children to enter or leave the building." She also shewed me a very beautiful church property, but unfortunately, as she said, the surrounding property was sold without conditions, and so a large factory district is growing up in the residential district behind the church, spoiling this old and valuable property, one of the ecclesiastical heirlooms of Canada. As she spoke, we had to drive carefully, because workmen were felling some most beautiful maple trees, bordering the road. I asked why that was being done, and she said she did not know and neither did anyone else. Would it be possible for this Commission to have leaflets distributed telling people what they can do in similar cases, or advising along what line they should work to secure legislation? It seems to me that the law is like a sprinkler, which I heard described recently in a report of the fire conditions in a certain city. One man described a fire, at which there was a damage of \$16.00 by fire, and of \$16,000 by water, because the firemen did not know where to turn off the sprinkler. The law seems rather like a sprinkler. Many people do not know where to turn it on in the first place, nor afterwards where to turn it off. So that, if this Commission could inform people generally, as to what laws there are, if any, by which a village or small growing town might be prevented from thus selling its birth-right for the good of one generation only, it would be doing a great service to the women of the country. If small and cheap leaflets, bearing on such questions as town-planning, could be distributed broadcast throughout these rural and smaller urban centres, they would be exceedingly useful.

This seems to me to be another means by which the Council might be able to co-operate in the work the Commission is doing.