

The question of education is one which has been of considerable interest to the Council since its institution. We have been earnestly striving for the spread of technical education on lines that would fit children for the lives they are to live, rather than for some more or less visionary existence. Technical education must be of great value in fitting children for real life. The conservation of human life is the immediate duty of the women of this country, and it is for that reason that we have these committees touching human life in many ways. In the old days the housewife, of necessity, procured such commodities as milk, water, etc., for her own home. To-day, she relies on the city council or other outside agencies for such things. It is impossible at present for a woman to manage these affairs for her home because they are managed for her by the city council. For this reason, women feel that these civic matters are of extreme importance to them.

The National Council also believes that in its affiliated societies it might find channels for disseminating the knowledge which your Commission has acquired. I think your Chairman has said that this Commission does not exist merely to accumulate knowledge, but rather, having accumulated it, to disseminate it as widely as possible. We can reach many small groups of persons. For example, take such an organization as the Women's Institutes which spread right through Ontario, reaching many places where there is not room for a Local Council. Then, through our locally affiliated bodies of teachers we can reach a large *clientèle* to whom such knowledge as you have would be exceedingly valuable.

The reports which Mr. White was kind enough to send to me, I have found most interesting. I might explain that I tackled, first, the one on oysters, and came to the conclusion that oyster beds were one of the few beds women were not expected to make. Many of these reports I think would be of great use to our members. I did not know that there were such reports to be had, and I am sure there are many others interested in the subjects that I am interested in who do not know of them and who would be extremely glad to read and use them. The National Council could make use of these reports. May I give a personal instance. Next week I have to address a Women's Canadian Club in another city. The officials of that Club asked me what would be the subject of my address. I said that I was coming to this meeting, and that I would speak on conservation, and I would endeavour to give a message from this meeting. So, it seems to me that the speakers the Council sends out from time to time, might mention the work of this Commission