

only did they appoint a woman factory inspector, Miss Carlisle, but they also made a provision whereby any city wanting inspectors for the workshops can make an application to the City Council and of the two inspectors authorized one must be a woman. Moreover, if the appointments having been asked for by a hundred ratepayers is not made within three months thereafter the Lieutenant-Governor is empowered to make them and to fix the salaries. Our Toronto Council got up such a petition, the three months elapsed, and on the very last day the appointment was made and with very satisfactory results. The Quebec Government has also promised to appoint a woman factory inspector for the province this session.

The Associated Charities movement has not been taken up in Ottawa alone. Montreal was also early in the field with a paper, but the organization has not been yet formed. Victoria has started a Friendly Aid Society with kindred aims. The city is divided into districts, with two lady visitors for each; a room is given by the civic authorities where clothes are collected and distributed and the ladies of the Society meet and arrange to give relief to the various applicants.

Then in Vancouver only last month our Local Council invited all the clergy to confer with them on the subject with the result that a Friendly Help Society was inaugurated. Seventeen churches of all denominations are joined in this Society as well as the Salvation Army and other societies. The city is divided into twenty-five districts with two lady visitors to each. They also appointed a central Board, formed of the clergy of the various denominations. A room was given by a business firm, clothes and food are sent by the citizens who are already finding it a great relief to be able to refer cases to this depot. During the first week of its operations, forty-five men and thirty-five women applied for assistance, and during the second week thirty-seven men. Winnipeg is also forming a scheme of Associated Charities.

Then there is another matter which many of our Councils are taking up, namely—the appointment of women on the Board of School Trustees. At Victoria the School Act was amended in this respect and the Secretary of the Council was run for the office with the result that she came out at the head of the poll. She has done good work during the past year which in some quarters I understand is considered as being too good. (Laughter.)

This year two ladies were nominated but only one of the two was elected.

At St. John, N.B., this matter has also occupied the attention of our Council and after a very animated debate it was decided to go forward. Last year the Legislature asked the Council to name two ladies for the Board of School Trustees, and this year the Attorney-General has introduced a Bill providing that two women are to be placed on each Board.

In Nova Scotia, Halifax and Yarmouth have petitioned that