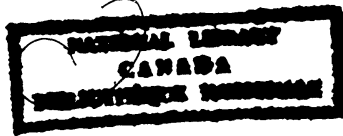


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PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM

CONCERNING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA.
HELD AT VICTORIA. B.C.,

ALSO THE MEETINGS HELD EN ROUTE.—JULY TO
AUGUST, 1900.

In preparing a memorandum of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada, held last July in Victoria, it seems to me better to dwell on the series of Meetings with Local Councils *en route*, than on the meetings in Victoria, which will be fully given in the Verbatim Report.

The more so, as it is hoped that the Verbatim Report will soon be ready for distribution, and no summary should take the place of it, or lessen the interest in its perusal. I will therefore confine myself to generalities, and the meetings with Local Councils of which there will be no other record in the Report.

Delegates from the far East came by Toronto and joined those from London, Hamilton and Toronto, to take the delightful and popular lake trip by C. P. R. boat to Port Arthur, where we were met by Mrs. Gibbs and a number of the West Algoma Council, and joined by Miss Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, and other delegates from the East. Those who know Mrs. Gibbs will have an idea of the warmth of welcome given us by her Council.

Reaching Port Arthur at 10 a.m., we were allowed to rest in the beautiful hotel and enjoy the grand scenery till luncheon hour arrived, when we were entertained by the Local Council. At 2.30 an informal meeting of Council was held in the drawing room of the hotel, and an address given by Mrs. Gibbs, then one of welcome by Mrs. Smellie, which was responded to. Afterwards Mrs. Cummings and Miss FitzGibbon spoke, and greetings from Charlottetown were given by Mrs. Gardiner. This was a large and delightful meeting, thoroughly enjoyed by all the visiting members.