

well occupied. I have heard Katharine Davis, the first woman Commissioner of Correction that the city of New York has ever had, whose appointment was made by Mayor Mitchel recently, say that, in the state school at Bedford, the girls who were under her supervision there, built pigsties and even silos. She said that climbing a ladder is not, as has been generally supposed, a matter of sex, and that the girls were perfectly well able to build these structures. The open air and the country life benefited them greatly, particularly those girls who were weak-minded. We hope that some day the homestead regulations will be widened in Canada so as to allow women to take up homesteads on a freer basis than is possible at present.

Immigration Problems The question of immigration has of late, perhaps, been given more time and thought by our National Council than any other theme, because we feel that, at the present time, it is at the root of many of our social problems. For instance, the difficulties in connection with public health and housing, are very largely due to the enormous influx of persons, some of whom are not accustomed to city life, and who, when transplanted from small villages and country districts in the older countries, find themselves absolutely incapable of using the facilities of city life, even if they had them. In this matter too, we are in the position of a person who has invited guests, and, when they arrive at her house, says to them: "I am very sorry that we have no room for you, but if you will pitch your tent on the lawn until I build a guest-room I shall be delighted to have you." We invite people to come to Canada, and then fail to make provision for homes for them. These, then, are some of our reasons for desiring to co-operate with your Commission. Our aims are very much the same as yours.

Council a Complement of Commission On the other hand, there are certain dissimilarities between our point of view and yours. When I compared the list of your standing committees with ours, I noticed that, by a curious coincidence, all but two of the committees of the Commission deal with property and only two directly with life, while, in the National Council, it is exactly the opposite. We have only two committees which deal directly with property and all the rest are dealing more directly with life. It is on that account that, it seems to me, our Council might complement in some ways the work of your Commission, because we, as women, have the care of life in its various forms committed to us. To put the matter epigrammatically, while you are concerned mostly with houses, the Council considers homes.