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## DISCUSS HOSTEL FOR CITY TO LOOK AFTER FEMALE IMMIGRANTS

Mrs. William Dennis, of Halifax, Tells of Aims of Newly Formed Council of Immigration of Women for Household Service

St. John to have a hostel for the accommodation of British immigrants and is New Brunswick anxious to have its share of the selected household workers from Great Britain?

These were some of the more important questions discussed at the meeting of the Women's Canadian Club held in the German street Baptist institute last evening with Mrs. G. A. Kulring, president, occupying the chair. The two principal speakers were Mrs. William Dennis of Halifax and Mrs. Robert H. Kneil, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Council of Immigration of Women for Household Service.

Mrs. Dennis gave an explicit account of the recent convention in Ottawa at which the council, of which Mrs. Kneil is secretary, was formed. She also suggested that an entirely different attitude must be taken in regard to household workers in the future if woman's problem in this regard was to be solved. She said that the most capable women should not be allowed to drift away from household tasks but that household workers must have a dignity of position and certificate of training. She suggested that organizations of household workers similar to the Victorian Order of Nurses should be formed to meet the needs of those families that were not able to have constant assistance. Mrs. David MacLellan and Mrs. R. T. Hayes were on the platform.

In opening the meeting Mrs. Kulring referred to the unveiling of the club's memorial tablet by the Prince of Wales and spoke of the coming annual meeting. She suggested that presidents should only be permitted to hold office one year. The non-paying committee for naming officers to be elected at the annual meeting was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. V. Anglin, Mrs. J. H. Jenner, Miss Homer, Miss Tingey, Miss Scamell, Mrs. T. H. Carter and Mrs. D. I. Bonnell with power to add. Mrs. Kulring also drew the attention of the meeting to the meeting of Canadian clubs to be held in Ottawa on October 17 and 18 and to the convention of the relation of education and citizenship to be held in Winnipeg on October 20 and 22.

As Mrs. Dennis had been asked to speak on immigration work representatives of St. John organizations which had been active in this matter in peace times were asked to give an explanation of the nature of their past and possibly future work in this connection.

**Aid to Immigrants.**  
Mrs. Flagon, representing the King's Daughters, related how ten years ago that organization had been asked by the superintendent of immigration, Mr. Wilmut, to give women immigrants shelter in their guild and how a government grant for this purpose had been accepted until the second year of the war. The society at that time found no immigrants were coming and asked the government to discontinue the grant. Mrs. Flagon thought the grant might be extended more when immigration commenced if the work were again taken up. She told also of the Travelers' Aid work which the King's Daughters have carried on for fifteen years, its representatives being Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Puddington.

Mrs. Owens, representing the immigration and travelers' aid committee, St. Monica's Society, told of the booth in West St. John and the rest room which the society had maintained and of the care given immigrants by its members. Mrs. H. Lawrence, representing the Travelers' Aid, formerly in St. John under the University Girls' Club in 1908, spoke of the work done by that organization and of its merging with the Y. W. C. A. in order to have the use of the hostel belonging to that association.

The work of the port chaplains and of the Salvation Army was also mentioned. Mrs. Kulring then pointed out the special importance assumed by immigration problems in this city as being the gateway to Canada. She spoke most highly of Mrs. Dennis' many fruitful activities as lady of grace, president of the Nova Scotia Red Cross Society and of the Halifax Local Council of Women.

**Need of Domestic.**  
When she addressed the meeting Mrs. Dennis was listened to with the keenest interest. She brought greetings from the sister city and spoke in high praise of the war work done by the women of St. John, placed in the enviable position of being the last to say good-bye

and the first to welcome the dominion's soldiers. Discussing the future problem of immigration, she said that Canada needed land owners, farm hands and household workers at present, not artisans and laborers. The need for household workers was imperative as homes were being broken up through lack of them. Canadian women preferring other work. She explained that England had 150,000 ex-war service women who were to be absorbed in different work. Many wished to emigrate and would be assisted by the government in the payment of their fares.

The Canadian aspect of the case Mrs. Dennis summed up by saying the east wanted household workers at once, the west did not wish them to be discouraged by severe winter conditions and would wait until the spring. In the meantime the absorbing of the returned soldiers was a serious problem all over the dominion.

Mrs. Dennis went on to explain how the government had sought the help of women in solving the woman's problem of household work and immigration and had called a convention of representatives of national bodies at Ottawa at which the following had represented: Y. W. C. A., National Council of Women, I. O. O. F., Women's Institute, Women's Inter-Provincial Farm Workers' Association, Social Service Council and Catholic Women's Societies, G. W. V. A. and others, also a few individuals actively connected with hostel work. At this convention the Canadian Council of Immigration of Women for Household Service was formed.

In presenting the suggestions made by this council, Mrs. Dennis said that it urged selection of immigrants on the other side to combat past unsatisfactory results of wages and physical conditions. She deprecated past immigration methods when agents had received bonuses for Canada. The council recommended the establishment of hostels in each province to be partly supported by a government grant and inspected by government representatives to give free board and lodging to immigrants for forty-eight hours and to be a place to which the women might return for help or instruction as well as social intercourse. It further suggested that the provincial employment bureau should co-operate with the council in finding employment for the immigrants, and that immigrants should be kept under supervision while in employment, preventing their taking other occupations.

Mrs. Dennis told of the constitution of the council. Its executive has six members and it is composed of representatives of eleven national bodies together with a representative from each province where a hostel is established or about to be established. Its duties are to supervise hostels and study problems regarding selection, care and placing of immigrants. The council decided that the words servants and domestics would not be used by it but that household workers would use the term applied to all such workers.

It recommended that household work be standardized by standardization and qualifications of training required.

**Women Responsible.**

Mrs. Dennis said the women of today were responsible for the fact that household workers were scarce and unstable. They pointed out that skill and intelligence of no mean order were required to handle these tasks successfully and said that the more capable women should not be sent to office work, teaching, nursing and other branches of work to assist men. They were needed in the homes and they must be placed there by elevating the position of the household worker giving a dignity of uniform and instilling a regard for the dignity of service. In concluding she suggested that an order of household helpers similar to the Victorian Order of Nurses should be formed to give assistance to those who could not afford or did not require permanent help in this regard.

Mrs. Kneil was asked to address the meeting but said she had merely come to answer any questions or offer assistance in local immigration problems. In the discussion which followed Mrs. Kneil gave many interesting answers to queries. She related how in Halifax the Local Council of Women had given its hostel for the use of immigrants under the council for immigration for one year receiving a federal grant and per diem grant for each immigrant and having some expenses paid by the provincial government. She recommended St. John, if it was considering such a hostel for itself and had a suitable building, to present a budget of probable expense and a statement of which it was willing to do, to the council of which she is secretary. She declared that it was not the intention of the government to interfere with private enterprise but that grants would only be given the recognized hostels one of which might be established in each province. She emphasized the importance of having a woman's department of the provincial employment bureau.

Mrs. Kneil said there were 4,000 women dependents of soldiers still to come to Canada and that they must return by the end of the year or their fares would be charged. The women that were conducting the dependents would

## TWO OPINIONS ON HOME FOR ORPHANS

Directors Not Interested in the Valley Property, as Reported

GOING AHEAD WITH MARTELLO HOTEL

Financial Needs for Present May Not Exceed \$20,000, it is Understood—Important Decisions Left For President's Attendance.

A largely attended meeting of the board of directors of the Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the president, T. H. Estabrook, detained at his summer home in Oranmore, by assisting in the relief work there, and also of the first vice-president, C. H. Peters, Mr. David McLellan, the second vice-president, occupied the chair. As it was suggested that the president might be able to attend a subsequent meeting in a day or two, important decisions were left for that meeting and only formal discussion of various matters on the programme of business took place.

A large percentage of the directors having visited the Martello Hotel on the previous day, the discussion largely turned upon the possibilities in connection with that institution. Many valuable suggestions were offered and accepted.

**Counter Movement Underway.**  
During the meeting reference was made to a counter movement in this community in the matter of another Protestant orphanage. It was said by some of the directors that they had heard a property in the valley district had been purchased for this purpose. However, the directors felt that the public should know that this new plan was in no way connected with the Protestant Orphans' Home which exists under provincial charter and that any request for monetary assistance for this additional new orphanage should be in no way confused with the larger comprehensive scheme in which the British street and Carleton buildings are included.

The officers and directors expressed the opinion that the general public would be better served by extending the work and facilities of the Protestant Orphans' Home is well in the way of the Protestant people of the city and without denominational distinction or any special tie of fraternalism—simply as a comprehensive plan to take care of the needs of the hour in orphanage work. With the receipt of tenders from renovators and furnishers a budget of the financial needs will be made out and an appeal made to the Protestant people of New Brunswick for the funds to carry the plan to a prompt and successful conclusion. It was understood that the financial needs will probably not reach the \$20,000 mark.

**Not the Directors.**

Late last evening The Telegraph was asked by a member of the directorate of the Protestant Orphans' Home to say that a statement appearing in an afternoon paper to the effect that the directors had purchased the T. A. Linton property in right street was incorrect. This property is that referred to in a foregoing paragraph as having been purchased in the Valley district of the city. The property had previously been considered by the Protestant Orphans' Home directorate but had been thought unsuitable to the needs of an orphanage. At the meeting yesterday David Hipwell and Will Campbell said that the movement to start an orphanage in the Valley district originated with a region of the order interested, and did not have the approval of the members of the order as a whole.

also have charge of the immigrants and Canada would accept only those to whose immigration the Canadian Agent General in the British Isles had consented.

**Plans Under Consideration.**

Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor, as president of the Women's Institute in the city, said that the provincial government had planned for dealing with immigration problems here, but that the plans were not sufficiently mature for presentation. She said, however, that the provincial government would carry on its immigration work through the Institutes. She spoke of Mrs. Robson having been appointed the institutes chief immigration representative for the dominion, and Mrs. H. Lawrence the New Brunswick Institutes immigration representative.

Mrs. Lawrence, being asked to outline the policy of the institutes regarding immigration, told of her pleasure in receiving the appointment as it enabled her to continue work in which she had taken an active part for ten years. She said the main purpose of the institutes in undertaking immigration work was to seek co-operation of all societies adhering strongly to a selective plan, but meeting the future Canadian with comradship. The institute was, she said, the largest non-sectarian and non-political woman's organization in the dominion, but its policy was not definitely outlined as yet regarding immigration matters.

Mrs. Kneil said that the Canadian Council of immigration aimed to be national, not provincial, and she spoke of the good done in follow-up work by the institutes of the western provinces from which she came.

After hearty thanks had been extended to the two speakers they met to confer with some of the prominent women workers with the city on matters affecting immigration in St. John. A letter from Mrs. Richard Hooper of the St. John Local Council of Women was read, in which reference to the council's work with immigrants was made.

**Joint Management.**  
Amherst News:—In addition to making a motor tour of the town this morning Hon. McKenna King and C. H. Reed, president of the board of trade, visited the Robb Engineering Works where they were made acquainted with the new arrangements concerning the joint management that has been taken by this enterprising local firm. The position leader was much impressed by the idea and spoke highly of the business and commercial spirit of this centre.

**Y. P. W. A. COMPLIMENTED.**  
A letter complimenting the members of the Y. P. W. A. for the excellent work which they have carried out in connection with the East St. John hospital was received from the provincial Red Cross committee and was read at a

meeting of the association last evening. Miss A. L. Brock presided. Miss Short, the treasurer, reported \$1,258 on hand. Three new members were elected to the executive, Miss Beatrice Frink, Miss Norah Thompson and Miss Irvine, to take the places of Miss Helen Church, Miss Ermine Climo and Miss Hazel Deinstadt, resigned.

A committee consisting of Miss Charlotte Dudgeon, Miss Marion Terry, Miss Ellen Keefe, Miss Farwell, Miss Upham and Miss Reta McNeill, was appointed to look after the catering at the

3rd Regiment Garrison Artillery reunion. Miss Winifred Upham was elected convener of a committee to look after the canteen at the Seamen's Institute. A vote of \$10 was given to the children's wards at the East St. John and the General Public Hospital was passed.

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