

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Interesting Gatherings Yesterday Afternoon and Evening—Mrs. T. H. Bullock Re-elected President—May go to Paris and The Hague as Council's Representative.

Mrs. T. H. Bullock was re-elected president of the Local Council of Women at the annual meeting held yesterday in Keith's assembly rooms.

The annual meeting opened yesterday afternoon and sessions were held both afternoon and evening, much important business being transacted.

The evening session the president Mrs. T. H. Bullock read her annual address and interesting papers written by Lady Drummond, of Montreal, and Prof. J. G. Adams, of McGill were read before the meeting.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. H. Bullock; 1st vice-president, Miss Grace Leavitt; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Frink; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. F. Bullock; 4th vice-president, Mrs. Stewart Skinner; 5th vice-president, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm; 6th vice-president, Mrs. H. A. Powell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clarence Stevens; treasurer, Miss Alice E. Estey; recording secretary, Miss Nellie B. Keith.

The first business taken up at the evening session was the reading of the president's address. Mrs. Josiah Wood, wife of the lieutenant governor and vice-president of the national council, sent a telegram regretting her inability to attend owing to illness, and extending her wishes for the success of the council in its work.

The president, Mrs. Bullock, in her address, gave a comprehensive and lucid explanation of the aims and objects of the Women's Council, and the ideals which the organization strives to attain in carrying out its work.

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The department of agriculture is discussing methods for the suppression of tuberculosis. Mrs. Bullock continued, in speaking of the importance of cleanliness as a safeguard to public health, and there remains much for the women of each community to accomplish. A healthy child is the gladdest sight under the sun, an avoidable sick one the saddest. In our own city the death rate is ten to twenty times as great under the age of five years as between five and fifteen.

The holding of a "child welfare" exhibit here is within the range of possibility. In other cities remarkable results have accrued to these exhibitions, and the local council has assurances of sympathy and help from other councils where the plan has been tried out.

Following the president's address an interesting paper on "Child Welfare" written by Prof. J. G. Adams, of McGill, was read by Mrs. D. P. Chisholm. The value of "child welfare" exhibits was emphasized in the paper and much information given as to the efficacy of these in bringing to negligent or ignorant parents and others a realization of what can be accomplished along certain lines.

"Organized Charity" was the subject of a most instructive paper read by Miss Grace Robertson. The paper was prepared by Lady Drummond of Montreal who was to have been present to address the council but was prevented from coming.

At the afternoon session the reports of the past year, apart from the election of officers constituted the chief business of the meeting. The reports in all respects were very satisfactory and showed that all the societies affiliated with the council have had a year of exceptional activity in their respective lines of usefulness.

The report of the corresponding secretary was submitted and showed the progress attained in the matters of education, care of the feeble-minded, immigration, moral standards, etc. during the year. The report of the treasurer showed receipts to amount to \$24,932 and expenditures \$20,232, leaving a balance of \$4,700.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. P. Crockett in her report dealt with the matters transacted during the year, and showed that six more societies had been affiliated during the year, viz. St. Monica's, Anti-tuberculosis Association, Catholic Ladies' Benefit Society, University Women's Club, Playgrounds Association, Daughters of Israel and Free Kindergarten Association.

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LIBERALS FAST WEIGHING; ENEMY OF BLOCQUAGE IN SIGHT

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Mr. Kite, Richmond, and E. M. MacDonald, Picton, occupied the House during the night with an effort to comfort themselves and their conferees after the catastrophe which overtook them last night. They indulged in tirades intended to show the frank statement of facts contained in Mr. Churchill's memorandum as insult to Canada, Mr. Marten, Regina, and Mr. McCraney, Saskatoon, kept the obstruction going until 10 o'clock this morning, and then Mr. Pugsley caused a recess by moving that the committee rise and report progress. He took as a pretext for this seeking an armistice in the fight which the government was waging in the cause of Imperial defence, a statement that certain accounts could not be paid by the government. He professed to be anxious that the government move the House into committee of supply, but at the same time indicated that no money would be granted by the opposition without a lengthy discussion.

Mere Opposition Drivel. As to Mr. Winston Churchill, Dr. Neely asserted that he and Mr. Pugsley were the authors of the speech which he made last night. He said that it was apparent that Mr. Borden in his visit to England had induced him to reverse his position. He did not wish to ascribe personal motives to Mr. Churchill, though he knew that he was an ambitious man; and so contented himself with the conclusion that he was making it as easy as possible for Mr. Borden as the premier of one of the dominions. His letter had been written with the object of helping the government. It was supposed to be secret, Dr. Neely said. He had it in his mind that an incident which had been so nicely staged on the previous night had been carefully prepared from the beginning. The Liberals had been encouraged to come certain grounds and then this letter was to be produced with the authority it carried. The only other thing of note in Dr. Neely's speech was his reference to Russia and Japan as semi-civilized countries.

Mr. Borden Calls the Bluff. Right Hon. Mr. Borden showed the fallacy of Mr. Pugsley's position. The clause under discussion, he pointed out, furnished the basis of the Laurier policy as well as of the government policy.

He had asked the Chief Liberal whip to name any reasonable date on which he would be willing to have a vote taken, and he had sent the Chief Conservative whip to make the same proposal. The opposition had, however, declined to do anything to facilitate the transaction of business. The Prime Minister demonstrated that when in opposition the Conservatives had always been ready to vote a certain amount of supply. The business of the country, he declared, was being held up by what could only be described as obstructive tactics.

Mr. German, Welland, affirmed the intention of the opposition to continue its present tactics unless the government abandons its attempts to add to the naval forces of the Empire. Mr. Nesbitt, North Oxford, and Dr. Clark, Red Deer, also helped to use up time before Mr. Pugsley withdrew his motion, after having wasted an hour and a quarter.

Mr. McNutt, Salt Coats, and Ernest Laidlaw, Regina, then proceeded with the debate.

Mr. Hazen Quotes Figures. Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, rose at 12.40 to give his authority as to the comparative cost of British and American ships. He quoted from the estimates made by the chief naval architects of construction before the naval committee of the American congress in January of this year.

The cost of the new battleship Pennsylvania, of 31,000 tons, was given as \$16,345,270, or approximately \$527 a ton. The cost of a battle cruiser of 4,000 tons was quoted at \$2,706,466, or \$677 a ton. This was in case the ships were built by the American naval yard. If they were built by contract the cost would be a little over \$100 a ton.

Mr. Hazen understood that the American naval authorities preferred to have these ships built by the navy rather than by contract, as a matter of fact.

The cost of the British Dreadnought of the Lion type he had previously quoted at \$433 a ton, and the Orion at \$475 a ton.

Britain Cheaper than U. S. Mr. Hazen continued by reading from the Lumber Trade Journal of New York, of October 15 last, an independent statement of the comparative cost of shipbuilding in Great Britain and the United States made by Robert Dollard, of San Francisco.

The cost of building a ship of 1,000 tons was placed at \$112,000 each, and it was stated that five vessels of similar size now building on the Delaware River were costing over one hundred per cent.

In May, 1911, the government of Canada, Mr. Hazen said, received tenders from the British and Canadian tenders for the construction of the shipbuilding company for the construction of four cruisers and six destroyers at Sydney. The prices quoted were, for cruisers, \$440,012, and for destroyers, \$119,000, but these prices did not include customs duties which the tenders added at three per cent. for cruisers and four per cent. for destroyers, making an addition of \$13,740 for cruisers, and \$4,760 for destroyers, bringing the total cost up to \$453,752 for cruisers, and \$123,760 for destroyers.

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In Great Britain there was an addition of \$24,000 to the cruisers for reserve guns, naval apparatus, etc., bringing the total cost of cruisers for Britain to \$304,000. To the Canadian prices there had to be added, for the same purpose, \$24,000, making a total cost of \$424,000 for cruisers, or 39 per cent. above the British price. In the same way, in Britain \$14,000 and \$16,500 in Canada, making the total cost of destroyers in Britain \$102,500, and in Canada \$119,000, an increase of Canada of thirty-seven per cent.

Mr. Hazen quoted Sir William White, the famous admiralty expert on his authority, as adding, "The cost of the destroyers was especially devoted to the works of Robert Knowles. The programme consisted of a sketch of the author's life by Miss Barrett, a synopsis of his book, 'The Ship', by Miss Baileys; a piano solo by Miss Smith, and a paper on his book 'The Little Guest', by Miss Wisely. Refreshments were served during the evening.

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At the conclusion of the meeting on motion of Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, the chairman, Dr. Hay extended the speaker a hearty vote of thanks.