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CANADA'S WAR ON THE WHITE SLAVE TRADE

**There is a White
Slave Trade**

The day has passed for proving the existence of a traffic in girls for immoral purposes. It has been demonstrated beyond a doubt. All the world has been convinced of the truth of this terrible statement. Hon. Edwin W. Sims' estimate, announced through the megaphone of the press, that 15,000 foreign girls, and 45,000 native born are the victims every year in the United States and Canada, has reached the ear of the world and aroused the indignation or terror of all who have hearts to feel. And a multitude is asking "What can be done to suppress the cruel business, punish the heartless traffickers, and rescue their victims?"

**The International
Treaty**

One thing alone should satisfy us of the existence of the terrible traffic, namely the fact that more than twenty Governments—our own being one—have signed an international treaty, in terms of which each has entered into covenant with all to co-operate in detecting and punishing the traders in innocent or foolish girlhood and in restoring their victims to their own country and friends. Even individual Governments do not, without reason, sign treaties for any purpose. Official and diplomatic inertia is proverbial. Only an unusual need, a need fully demonstrated, a most urgent need, can result in well nigh all the nations of the world binding themselves together in a great common effort such as that undertaken in the Treaty for the Suppression of the White Slave Trade.

**Has Canada
Her Share?**

But we Canadians, ready though we are to believe almost anything of the great cities of the United States, the Mother Land, and the rest of the world, are loath to believe that such things can by any possibility be going on in Canada. No wonder we are hard to convince. The trade is so despicable, so cruel, and one would suppose so difficult.