

A quantity of exquisite lingerie, equal to the finest Parisian work, was displayed, while an immense stock of plain and useful articles of apparel were also for sale. The bazaar was a great success.

**WOMAN'S LOCAL COUNCIL.**

The Montreal Local Council of Women held its quarterly meeting on December 4th, when, at the close of the business, the president, Mrs. George Drummond, gave an eloquent and forcible address on the aims and work of the National Council.

Various important matters came before the meeting for consideration. Mrs. Stevenson spoke in support of domestic arts, and drew attention to the Cooking School recently opened in Montreal under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. Misses Benmore, Phillips and Findlay spoke forcibly in support of manual and technical training. Madam Dandurand spoke with eloquence on the subject of home life.

The subject of social purity took the form of a grave discussion concerning the dissemination of immoral literature, and in this connection a branch of the National Home Reading Union was formed, with the object of supplying pure and wholesome literature, and guiding its members in comprehensive courses of reading. The resumé given by the president proves that the Montreal branch of the National Council has realized to a large extent the aim of the organization, and has accomplished thorough and practical work with most beneficial results.

**PORT ARTHUR.**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.**

A meeting of the Local Council of Women was held here on Wednesday, December 4th. Her Excellency presided at a meeting of the executive at 11 o'clock, a.m., at which the president of every federated society responded to the roll call. New committees were formed and plans of work devised for the ensuing year.

The afternoon meeting was a public one, and held in the town hall at Fort William. The hall was prettily decorated and the audience comprised the most thoughtful women and men of the district. Mrs. Frank Gibbs, the president of the Local Council, presided and in felicitous words extended to Lady Aberdeen a cordial welcome.

Her Excellency addressed the gathering on the object and aims of the Council, and gave many valuable suggestions as to the manner in which these may be applied to the particular needs of each part

of our Dominion, whether in sparsely settled districts or centers of population.

In the evening a second meeting was held at Port Arthur, when after paying warm and well-deserved words of praise concerning the labors of the gifted president of the Algoma Local Council (Mrs. Gibbs), her Excellency gave a second address, in which she made especial reference to the subject of manual training.

**WINNIPEG.**

**CENTRAL W. C. T. U.**

During the past month the Central W. C. T. U., of Winnipeg, has begun its regular winter programme. The Loyal Temperance Legion is meeting weekly, and is preparing to give an entertainment before Christmas. Gospel temperance meetings are being held on Friday evenings in the north-western part of the city, which are largely attended by both children and adults, and in which much interest is manifested. The ministers of the city have been asked to preach peace sermons on Sunday, the 15th inst., which has been set apart as a "General Peace Day" by the peace organizations of the world, with which the W. C. T. U. co-operates. This union has been honored by the election of its vice-president, Dr. Amelia Youmans, to the Dominion W. C. T. U. vice-presidency. The Union has made a good start toward filling one hundred Temple wheels which were recently ordered.

**VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER.**

**COUNCIL OF WOMEN.**

The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island was held on Friday, November 8th, 1897. The morning session opened at ten o'clock, President Mrs. James Baker in the chair. Between sixty and eighty presidents and delegates from affiliated societies were present. Much interest was manifested in the reports, showing a list of twenty-nine affiliated societies, two patrons, and seven individual members—a Council nearly 1,000 strong—and this in one year, for the Council was inaugurated in November, 1894; also in the work accomplished, namely, the alteration in the School Act, permitting women to be elected as school trustees, and the election of our recording secretary, Mrs. Gordon Grant, to the post. The organization of the "Friendly Help" is based on the plan of the Associated Charities. A branch of the Society of the Treasury of God has also been

started in Victoria through the medium of the Council of Women. At the request of the Board of Management of the B.C. Agricultural and Industrial Association, the Council of Women undertook the organization of the whole of the women's department at the annual exhibition in September last, and the result gave general satisfaction.

The morning session adjourned after the following result of the balloting for officers for the ensuing year was announced: Mrs. James Baker, president; Mrs. Charles Hayward, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Melmiss, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. William Grant, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Scaife, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Gordon Grant, recording secretary; Mrs. A. E. B. Davie, treasurer.

Nine resolutions and four papers sent in from the various societies and Executive formed the agenda for the afternoon session, but owing to want of time they could not all be discussed, and the meeting was adjourned till the following Monday afternoon, when her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who had assisted without taking part in the meeting on Friday, took the chair. The attendance both of members of the Council and of the public was excellent, and the debates were animated and interesting. An address given by her Excellency in the theater that evening ended a most successful session.

**QUEBEC.**

The Quebec Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held a meeting on Wednesday, November 20th, at the Church Hall, Quebec, Mrs. Hunter Dunn, the diocesan president, in the chair. The members had the pleasure of hearing most interesting addresses from several officers of the Provincial Branch who were at that time in Quebec.

Miss Tiley, secretary of the Junior Branches, dwelt upon the importance of interesting children in mission work, and gave many suggestions as to the way in which meetings might be made attractive to the young.

Mrs. Tilton, the provincial president, spoke with her usual eloquence, and was listened to with much attention, and Miss Montzambert's practical advice was highly appreciated. A "Demonstration Lesson on Methods of Procedure, or Parliamentary Drill," conducted by Miss Tiley, was very amusing; it showed how much time and patience may be saved at public meetings by following the established rules of debate in an orderly and business-like way.

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers.

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