

SECRETARY'S THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Toronto Local Council of Women

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LADIES :

The Executive has much pleasure in submitting the Third Annual Report of the Toronto Local Council of Women.

The first meeting since the last report was given was a special one of the Executive, held in the Normal School, on June 21st. for the purpose of revising the by-laws, and for the appointment of committees to carry on the work of the Council during the summer, namely : To investigate into the necessity of shorter hours for women and children employed in factories, to inquire into insufficient protection of women and children by law, and to make recommendations after inquiring into testimonials for a woman inspector for places, other than factories, where women and children are employed.

The first public meeting was held on October 7th in the Normal School. Reports of committees appointed in June were received. It was announced that Mrs. Scobell had been appointed Shop Inspector.

Mrs. Curzon was asked to prepare a paper on the " Council Idea " for the next public meeting.

Effort was made to have the public meetings more interesting by the appointment of a Programme Committee, with Mrs. George Dickson as convener.

The Manual Training and Pure Literature Committees have made progress during the year in their special provinces. The Council, in response to communications from the Prisoners' Aid Association. after inquiry, endorsed heartily reforms proposed by them.