

The second suggestion arises out of the dearth of proper boarding houses for the business women of the city. In this situation your committee believe lies a real danger to the community. We have heard with great satisfaction of plans which have been made by another women's organization for the erection of hostels and hope that the fulfilment of the project will not be long delayed. But we beg to suggest that in the meantime a great service would be rendered if some body of women interested in community service in Winnipeg would compile and maintain a list of boarding houses to which business women might with safety be recommended. The existing situation is one not peculiar to Winnipeg. One of the largest stores in Philadelphia maintains a woman official whose duty it is to keep a watchful eye on the boarding houses which shelter employees of this firm. The results obtained from this inspection have so impressed the manager of one of our large stores that he is considering introducing it here. It seems to your committee that if the Local Council of Women which from the large number of women it could reach would have special facilities for doing this work, could be induced to prepare a list of proper boarding houses of varying standards and place that list at the disposal of the business women, it might accomplish much good for the community pending the erection of proper hostels.

This report has been submitted to the managers of the four stores under consideration and the figures herein contained as they concern his particular store have been approved by each manager.

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