

of Canadian women as that which assembled in the Convention Hall of the Normal School in Ottawa last week, at the first annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada!

The large ball-room out at Government House had been the scene of two smaller gatherings on the previous day, both of which were unique in its history, I think, and both of which will be of interest to Canadian women at large.

The first of these gatherings was the meeting of the Executive Committee of this National Council, and seated round the large table in the centre of the room were the Presidents of each of the Local Councils, and of the nationally organized Societies who have joined the Federation, together with the General Officers, all presided over by the woman who already has made herself dear to Canadian hearts, and to whose wonderful enthusiasm, self-sacrifice, and great natural ability the rapid growth of the Council is due—the Countess of Aberdeen.

A very business-like gathering, truly, where motions were weighed, resolutions considered, and the final arrangements for the public meetings were discussed with a regard to Parliamentary rules, that would have delighted Dr. Bourinot himself, had he been fortunate enough to have been admitted. Yes, very business-like, as I have said, and yet very womanly withal, for, I tell you privately, and in the strictest secrecy,