

THE SOCIAL PROBLEM.

PART II.—VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS.

CONSTITUTION.

Whereas, until Social Organizations of Trades and Industries are established by law, it is expedient that there should be formed voluntary associations having the same objects in view, and to carry out the same, as far as may be practicable, without the aid of legal enactment.

I. It is therefore resolved by the men and women here present, qualified to vote under the Act proposed in this matter, that there be now formed a Provisional Association of Trades and Industries for the Dominion of Canada, and that we proceed to organize lesser and greater councils in and for the County, [City] of—to be called the—Social Council of Trades and Industries of the County [City] of—; and that the said Social County [City] Council be hereinafter called the Greater Council, with such lesser councils connected therewith in each township, ward or section, as may be deemed best.

THE GREATER COUNCIL.

II. Such Greater Council shall be provisional only, and shall consist of twenty-four members—fifteen of whom shall form a quorum—twelve males and twelve females, who shall be selected carefully by the majority of those present at a public meeting called for that purpose, and qualified as aforesaid and chosen for their ability, willingness and public spirit in the work of promoting the peace and welfare of the suffering.

III. Those who have been chosen shall meet as soon as convenient and complete their organization by electing, from among their number, a chairman—who may be a male or female—a vice-chairman, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer or book-keeper, an executive committee of ten or more male and female

members in equal numbers, any six of whom shall form a quorum, with such other officers, assistants and committees as the Greater Council may from time to time deem expedient.

IV. That such provisional Greater Council shall continue in existence until a sufficient number of lesser councils have been formed in the county or city whose representatives in the Greater Council shall exceed the said number of twenty-four, whereupon they shall hold a joint meeting with the members of the said Greater Provisional Council, and re-organize the same by electing officers and appointing committees thereof, said officers to consist wholly of members representing the lesser councils, but the committees and assistants may consist of any suitable persons selected for their ability and integrity, whether they are representatives or members of any lesser councils or not.

LESSER COUNCILS.

V. Lesser Councils shall be formed with all convenient dispatch in every ward, division and school section, or union thereof, as the inhabitants of the county, or city, may deem best, and shall continue in existence until they are, from time to time, superseded by members selected at the time when Municipal Councillors are chosen.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

VI. On the day of the nomination of municipal councillors, the friends of the Lesser Council shall attend and put in nomination for municipal councillors under the present Municipal Act, as many as they can obtain, who are pledged to support and carry out the aims and objects of the Social Councils of Trades and Industries, and a sufficient number of others to make up the same numbers as compose the municipal council.