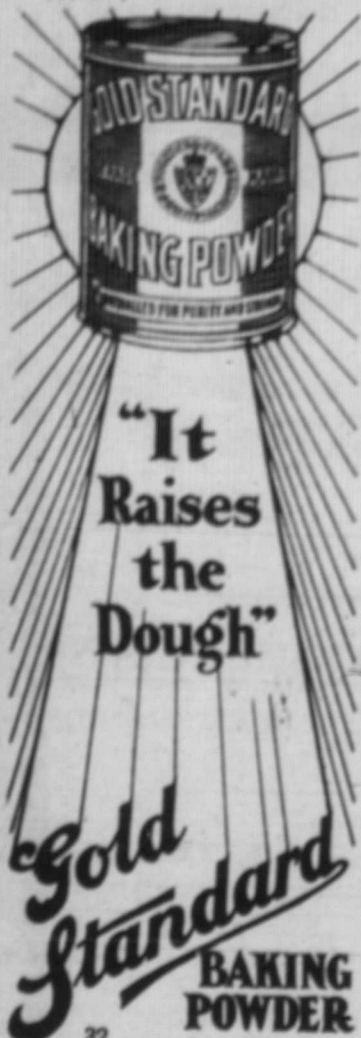




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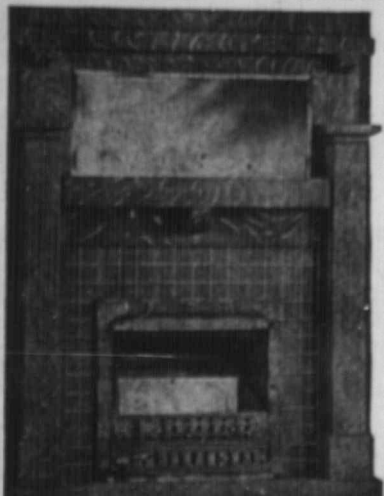
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## National Council of Women

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adjustment did most towards concluding the convention with a feeling of satisfaction and cordiality on all sides was the revision of the constitution, which had been in the hands of a committee with Mrs. K. F. McWilliams, of Winnipeg, as convener. The present constitution of the National Council provides that any revision must be submitted to the local councils at least three months before the annual meeting. There were several of these revisions. A questionnaire sent out by Mrs. McWilliams reached the various councils only about eight weeks before the meeting. The nature of the questionnaire was also criticized by some of the delegates, but here again discussion cleared the air and a satisfactory conclusion was reached in the appointment of a new committee to consider the various revisions and report to the executive in ample time for the consideration of the matter at the next executive. The personnel of this committee, under the convener of Mrs. McWilliams, is as follows: Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Macleod, Alta.; Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Toronto; Dr. Stowe Gullen, Toronto; Miss Murray, New Glasgow, N.S.; Mrs. Bullock, St. John, N.B.; Miss Eleanor Tatley, Montreal; Mrs. F. H. Torrington, Toronto; Lady Taylor, Winnipeg; Mrs. John McNaughtan, Harris, Sask.; Mrs. E. Day, Victoria, B.C., and Mrs. W. R. Lang, Toronto.

The present constitution of the National Council does not permit of the organizations in the provinces approaching their legislatures without first submitting their proposals to the National Executive, a procedure which sometimes takes two or three months. As a war measure, a resolution was therefore passed providing for an executive committee in each province which has a number of councils or nationally federated societies. These executives are to be formed and presided over by the provincial vice-presidents.

### The Trained Nurse Problem

The problem of overcoming the shortage of trained nurses and yet maintaining their high standard; the rejection by the government of a scheme submitted by the nurses with a view to replacing the V.A.D. in military hospitals in Canada by pupil nurses from the civil training schools; the government to bear the expense of extending these schools; and the question of whether or not the V.A.D. will enter the nursing field in competition with the trained nurse after the war, were matters dealt with in a paper given by Miss Jean I. Gunn, of Toronto, president of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses. A resolution was passed providing for publicity measures in the hope of inducing girls to take up nursing as a profession and thus help make up the shortage of nurses. A discussion was also precipitated, in spite of Miss Gunn's declaration that the status of the V.A.D. did not affect the question, and Dr. Margaret Patterson, of Toronto, sprang to the defence of the V.A.D. The discussion of this volunteer worker was not concluded, however, until the next day, when the question of government recognition of her services by the giving of a pin or badge was brought forward in a resolution introduced by the Toronto local council. The wording of this resolution seemed to provide cause for a general discussion, but it was finally altered so that, if the government acceded to the request, the V.A.D. might receive her pin without protest from the representatives of the organizations of graduate nurses.

### Many Questions Discussed

Footwear reform; a space at the Canadian National Exhibition; soldiers' pensions; the cutting off of assigned pay and separation allowances when soldiers are under punishment; the licensing for the safeguard of young girls, of boarding and rooming houses; the need of the presence of women at trials of women and children; the question of women in trade unions and the suggestion of organization for domestic help; these and many other matters of

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