

One of the principal features of the session was an admirable address on "Thoroughness in Work," by a Toronto lady. The deep interest with which this paper was listened to, testified at once to the appropriateness of the subject, and to the able manner in which it was treated.

On February 19th Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, President of the National Council, addressed a public meeting for the Local Council in Toronto, the Mayor granting the use of the Pavilion for the occasion. Nearly three thousand (3,000) women were present. A list of twenty-three federated societies was read; after Her Excellency's address Dr. Lelia Davis gave a paper on the condition of the unemployed, when a resolution was moved to the following effect:—

That the Council should express their sympathy with the distress caused by lack of employment then existing in the city, and request the delegates to bring the matter before their several societies with a view of doing something toward ameliorating the condition of the unemployed.

It was also decided at this meeting to draw up a memorial to the Mayor and City Council requesting them to provide a temporary employment bureau, with a branch office in each of the city fire halls, where those needing work could register and be properly classified, and where employers could readily secure the service required.

As a result of this meeting, a wider interest in the Council has been aroused, the purport of its aims being much more clearly understood after Her Excellency's comprehensive address.

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the public meeting, the memorial concerning the establishment of a municipal registry office was framed and presented to His Worship the Mayor. As a consequence a civic employment bureau was opened at the city hall. The first morning 400 persons desiring work registered, including teachers, book-keepers, accountants, mechanics and domestic servants.

At the suggestion of the Local Council, a Committee was appointed to receive and use to the best advantage all contributions which should be made for the relief of the unemployed, both men and women, of Toronto.

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