

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Madam President, Members of the Council,—

On presenting the report of the Montreal Local Council of Women for the year 1911-12, it must be pointed out that although the date of the Annual Meeting has been in May, it has usually hitherto been adjourned until the autumn, so that this report covers but seven, instead of twelve, months.

The Local Council has come to the end of its eighteenth year. The names of forty societies appear on its affiliation roll, the two new societies being the Ladies' Committee of the Women's Hospital, and the Daughters of Zion. There are forty patrons and seventy-six associate members.

Seven regular and three special Executive meetings have been held. In October the Annual Meeting for 1910 to 1911 took place. In November a public meeting was arranged in conjunction with the City Improvement League and the Fédération Nationale to listen to an illustrated address by Dr. Anna Louise Strong, organizer of Child Welfare Exhibitions. This lecture was part of the preparation now going on for an important Child Welfare Exhibition to be held next October. The Council and the Fédération have joint charge of one section, and a great many of the Council's Affiliated Societies are planning their various parts in it.

On December 11th Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was brought to the city to lecture on "The Englishwoman's Fight for the Vote" in the Windsor Hall. She was greeted by a crowded hall, and heard by a most appreciative audience. The lecture has resulted in a Council movement to organize an Equal Suffrage League.

A course of five lectures on "Laws Relating to Women" has been carried through by the Committee on Civics and Legislation with marked success.

The list of lectures and lecturers follows:—

"The Property of Married Women," Dean Walton, LL.D.

"Women in Commerce and Industry," Andrew R. McMaster, Esq., K.C.

"Women and Citizenship," Warwick L. Chipman, Esq., K.C.

"Marriage and Divorce," E. Fabre Surveyer, Esq., K.C.

"Guardianship and Parental Rights," Charles M. Holt, Esq., K.C.

The lecturers were all prominent lawyers, to whom the Council is deeply indebted for their kindness, and to the Royal Victoria College for the use of a lecture room.

In February the President and ex-President had an informal