

assistance in the consideration of the subject before them, was a sight never before witnessed in Halifax, and one never to be forgotten by those who were present.

Upon motion of Hon. Mrs. Montgomery-Moore, seconded by Miss O'Brien, it was unanimously resolved :

That a local council of women be formed at Halifax in affiliation with the National Council of Women of Canada, and that the constitution recommended for local councils by the National Council, be adopted.

MRS. LEONOWENS

Tells a Touching Story of the Organization of the First Women's Council in India, 2,000 Years Ago.

Mrs. Leonowens, after some preliminary remarks, said: Her Excellency's speech carries me back 2,000 years ago to the first women's council which ever was founded in India. There was a little girl named Keesa, who lived in the city of Totami. She was a farmer's daughter, married to a farmer. She knew nothing of what it was to be a mother—knew nothing of her married responsibility, and before she was 15 years old she was a mother. Her little boy, said to have been a beautiful boy, grew up to be the joy of the city, which is called after her to this day. One day he fell into a fit and died. The poor little mother did not know what to do. What was this terrible thing that had come over her boy? She poured water on his face, caressed him, called for her husband who was away; she ran about the street asking someone for medicine to cure her baby. No one gave her any counsel. Finally Keesa went to Buddha and said: "I hear you are a wise man; give me some medicine to cure my baby."

BUDDHA SAW HOW INEXPERIENCED SHE WAS

and said, "Go and bring me a handful of mustard seed; but when you go into a house and ask for mustard seed, you must be careful that no such catastrophe has happened there as has touched you." So as she went looking for the seed she asked: