

which comes from past limitations has been brushed away, they will, out of their very conservatism, arrive at truer conclusions and achieve more lasting results.

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To give a complete list of those in attendance would be impossible; as the hall was well filled at each session. But we subjoin a list of the delegates from various parts of the Dominion, so that those who were prevented from attending may see the names of some of our brightest Canadian women. That they are, even in this case, only representatives, these ladies themselves will be the first to acknowledge.

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VANCOUVER.—Mrs. R. Reid.

EAST KOOTENAY.—Miss Harris (Hamilton).

REGINA.—Mrs. Beneke, Madame Forget.

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RAT PORTAGE.—Mrs. McLean (Ottawa).

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WOMEN'S ART ASSOCIATION.—Mrs. Dignam, Miss M. Phillips, Miss M. C. McConnell.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—Mrs. S. G. Wood, Mrs. S. D. Redpath, Mrs. Tilton (Ottawa), Miss L. Mudge.

DOMINION WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT ASSOCIATION.—Dr. Augusta Stowe Gullen, Mrs. Scales, Mrs. George Campbell.

DOMINION ORDER OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.—Mrs. Tilley, Miss Jeanie Betterell, Mrs. Ami (Ottawa), Mrs. Burland.

ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION.—Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, Miss Griffin (Ottawa).

VISITORS.—(National Council of the United States America).—Mrs. Lowe Dickinson, Mrs. Foster Avery.

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Concerning the papers and reports discussed, it is impossible to do more than make subjoined me. . . although we again express hope that they will appear from time to time in this department throughout the year; while the bright debates that followed each reading will be found in the verbatim report, the publication of which we shall announce at a later date.

PATRIOTISM.—"The importance of the National Council in fostering and developing the Patriotism of Canadian Women." By Mrs. Archibald, President Halifax Local Council.

CANADIAN LITERATURE.—"How Canadian Women can promote Canadian Literature." By Miss Hart, of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society, Toronto.

EMIGRATION.—"Immigration of Women." By Mrs. John Cox, on behalf of the Women's Protective Immigration Society.

STUDY.—"Excess of Home Lessons for School Children and Length of School Hours." By Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Ottawa Local Council.

RECREATION.—"Recent Development of Athletics amongst Women and Girls." (1) By Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell, Montreal Local Council. (2) By Mrs. Street, West Algoma Local Council.

TEMPERANCE.—"Food and Recreation to Intemperance." By Miss Harriott Olive, St. John Local Council.

CHARITY ORGANISATIONS.—"The Working of Associated Charities." By Miss Reid, Vancouver Local Council. "The Need of Charity Organisation Methods, and How to Adapt Them to Small Communities." By Mrs. Tilley, Dominion Order of the King's Daughters.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.—"Industrial Sections of Agricultural Exhibitions and the part that Women can take in Making Them a Success." By Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, Victoria Local Council.

HUMOUR.—"Humour as it affects Character, its characteristics and what it does for us." By Mrs. Stevenson, Montreal Local Council.

READING.—"Home Reading Circles, and how to form them." By Miss Skelton, Montreal Local Council.

Submission and consideration of report of sub-committee on the better protection of women and children.

Paper on: "How Mothers Can Best Teach the Children the Necessary Elements of Physiology."

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In addition to the papers read, the following were some of the important resolutions debated by the Council:

Proposed by the Vancouver Local Council: "That in view of the sufferings endured by women in the North-west Territories and in outlying districts of Canada from want of proper medical aid, the National Council of Women of Canada desires respectfully to ask the Dominion Government and the Provincial Governments to take the matter into their earnest consideration and to take steps to remedy the present state of things either by offering inducements to medical men and women and efficiently trained nurses to settle in those districts, or in any other way which they may see fit. And that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Premier and Minister of the Interior and to the Premiers of the provinces."

Proposed by the Executive: "That an effort be made by the National Council of Women of Canada to have some amendment made in the present law for the commitment of those of the insane and imbecile who are now treated like criminals and sent to jails, where a long time usually elapses before they can receive expert medical treatment, thus lessening the chance of their recovery."

Proposed by Executive: "That the National Council press upon the Local Councils the importance of bringing before Boards of Health or other local authorities, the proper care of the teeth of children in the Public Schools, and the necessity for some provision being made for free dentistry for the poor in connection with hospitals and otherwise where such does not already exist."

Proposed by the London Local Council: "That in view of the establishment of Children's Aid Societies in Canada the women of the National Council of Canada be asked to investigate the effect of the importation of pauper children on the social condition of Canada. There are now several old country agencies shipping children to Canada, and it is believed that in many cases they are productive of much evil in the communities where they are placed."

Proposed by the Montreal Local Council: "That the National Council of Women of Canada do recommend Local Councils to promote the establishment of public baths and wash-houses in all large industrial centres."

Sectional Conferences: The Dominion Order of the King's Daughters, at the American Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m. Addresses by Mrs. Lowe Dickinson and Mrs. Tilley.

The Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association.

The Women's Protective Immigration Association, together with the Girls' Friendly Society at the Young Men's Christian Association building 2.30 p.m.

Council Conference of Education.
Submission of Resolution re Manual Training.
Art Conference. Under the management of the Women's Art Association of Canada.

This programme does not include the interesting evening meetings, when addresses were made by His Excellency, Hon. A. B. Dickey, Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Sir Charles Tupper, Mrs. George Drummond, of Montreal, Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Lowe Dickinson, of the United States, and others.

Nor yet does it make mention of a most interesting French evening, when Sir Alexander Lacoste, Hon. Judge Routhier, Dr. Louis Fréchette, Mademoiselles Barry and Angers, Madame Dandurand, and other well-known official and literary confrères addressed an interesting audience.

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In our hasty and limited résumé of the work of the Council and its recent conference, very many points have been omitted or overlooked through a sheer over-abundance of material;—those who were in attendance will best realize this, and understand the reason,—since everyone felt that she had been given more than it was possible to carry away.

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But a few words of acknowledgment should be made to the Montreal women, with whom rested the burden of receiving the visitors and providing for the comfortable conduct of the meetings. Their hospitality was perfect, not only in fulness, but in its systematic arrangements; and the visiting delegates came away with a glow of grateful admiration and kindness—feeling that these women of Canada's great commercial metropolis were friends indeed.

And in this connection a few words will be permitted about Mrs. George Drummond, the president of the Montreal Local Council, to whose efforts were largely due the success of the conference in matters of arrangement, and whose markedly gifted personality has done so much to advance the prosperity of the movement in Montreal.

Mrs. Drummond is one of those rarely gifted women of whom Canada may well be proud. Her gentleness, her modest bearing, her absolute simplicity and total absence of self-consciousness, her far-reaching breadth and thoughtfulness of vision, are in themselves magnetic; but when these are united with rare intellectuality and a grace and fulness of diction unusual in a woman, her charm and influence is irresistible.

Character, intellectuality, and rare gift of speech, all these are hers—yet greater than all, and pervading all, is an intense sweetness and womanliness.

Hers is indeed a rarely sweet personality, marvellous in its spiritual strength, its ethereal delicacy.

We realise how crude must be any outward expression of such an ideal womanhood; yet no report of the conference would be complete without reference to one who was a magnetic centre, second only to that of the Council's gracious President.

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It may be, that, even after this reading, some will ask the purpose and work of this Council;—the conservatism of prejudice dies so hard.

Purpose? Look out into the fair fields of our Dominion! See the young homes with their environment of civic and national life! Look into the fairer field of the young Canadian heart,—beating yet purely and uncorruptly, thank God!—See its atmosphere of spiritual and mental development.

To elevate the environment of these dear homes; to keep unspotted and spiritualised these dear hearts;—this is the ultimate purpose and work of the National Council of Women of Canada.

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