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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS LOUISE,
THE MARCHIONESS OF DUFFERIN AND AVA,
THE MARCHIONESS OF LANSDOWNE, THE COUNTESS OF DERBY,
THE COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN, THE LADY FRANCES BALFOUR.

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<i>President,</i>	..	..	MRS. GILLESPIE.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	..	..	MRS. JOHN COX.
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<i>3rd Vice-President,</i>	..	..	MISS MACDONALD.
<i>Hon.-Sec.-Treasurer,</i>	..	..	MRS. PERCY VOSBURGH.

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DR. KIRKPATRICK.

WOMEN'S Protective Immigration Society,

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1896.

The Women's Protective Immigration Society held their fifteenth annual meeting on Monday, Dec. 14th, 1896, at the Society's headquarters, Osborne St. Ald. E. Goff Penny, M.P., occupied the chair, there being also present the undermentioned ladies and gentlemen:—Mrs. Gillespie, the Rev. and Mrs. G. Abbott-Smith, Miss Moffatt, Mr. Armstrong (representing the C.P.R.), Mrs. Bernard, the Hon. Mrs. Waud, Mrs. Greenshields, Mrs. Hugh Allan, Mrs. Botterell, Mrs. Cramp, Mrs. Robt. Mackay, Mrs. Reuben Taylor and Mrs. Percy Vosburgh, the Secretary-Treasurer.

The past year has been one of anxiety for the Society, but the Committee are glad to report that they have been able to continue their work steadily in spite of reduced means; and they confidently hope that their embarrassment, caused by the temporary reduction of the grant, is now over.

It was with great pleasure that the Managers received the full grant of \$1,000 from the Dominion Government, and they wish to express their gratitude to those gentlemen connected with the present ministry through whose influence and exertions the grant was restored to the Society.

163 immigrants have passed through the Home during the season:—126 English, 10 Irish, 18 Scotch, 1 Welsh, 2 French, 2 Germans, 3 Swedes, 1 Dane; 113 Church of England, 20 Roman Catholics, 19 Presbyterians, 3 Baptists, 2 Congregationalists, 4 Wesleyans, 2 Lutherans.

58 immigrants of previous years returned to the Home to rest before taking new situations.

Seven parties, under the charge of competent matrons, were sent out through the United British Women's Emigration Association, by the Hon. Mrs. Joyce. A few girls were sent out by Mrs. Foster, from Bristol.

Seven girls went to the United States, hearing reports of higher wages, but five returned dissatisfied.

Miss Proctor brought out four girls from the Southwark Roman Catholic Society, and had an interview with the Committee with a view to co-operation in her work during the coming season.

The number of immigrants received into the Home this year is not so large as before, in consequence of the increase in steamship steerage rates. This is greatly to be deplored. If it continues there is no doubt the country will in time suffer, especially in the thinly populated districts of the North-West; and a system of government-assisted immigration, conducted on strict principles, is a thing greatly to be desired.

The difficulty of obtaining well trained, respectable domestic servants in sufficient numbers to meet the requirements of the largely increasing well-to-do classes in this country, is as great as ever; and it cannot be expected that good servants will leave good situations at home to emigrate to a colony with uncertain prospects, having to pay out so large a sum as £5 for their passage.

Those who have passed through the Home during the present year have been of a superior class, and are doing well, not a single case of ill behaviour having been reported to the Board of Management.

On Thursday, May 14th., a successful conference on Female Immigration was held in connection with the National Council of Women, presided over by their Excellencies Lord and Lady

Aberdeen, who seemed much interested in the work. Three resolutions were proposed, as follows:

I. That in the opinion of this meeting, the time has come for a national system of immigration, and that the immigration of women, while under the control of Women's Committees, should form a part of this national system.

II. That this national system should include agencies abroad and in Great Britain sanctioned by the Home Governments, and receiving and distributing centres throughout the Dominion.

III. That this meeting desires most strongly to urge on the Government the desirability of concentrating, as far as possible, the settlements of the North-West, in order to obviate the disheartening loneliness which is so great a drawback in the present system, such being the only method to secure for all settlers (1) the benefits of companionship, (2) facilities for the proper education of the children who are to be the future citizens of the Dominion, (3) cottage hospitals, and the services of doctors and nurses, (4) the means of mental and moral improvement, by the circulation of good literature, etc.

These resolutions produced an animated discussion on the question of female immigration, and the class that is brought out by the W. P. I. Society.

The Committee of this Society being encouraged by the interest taken in this meeting, and also by persons connected with immigration from abroad, decided to address the Minister of the Interior with regard to a scheme for extending the work which is now carried on, and a letter has been forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Clifford Sifton to that effect.

During the summer, the Home was visited by several friends interested in emigration, some of whom are the following:—Mr. L. M. Fortier, of Ottawa, who inspected the Home, and expressed his satisfaction in a letter; Mrs. Firebrace, daughter of the President of the British Women's Emigration Association, and Miss Hope, of the same Society, especially visited the Home, also Mr. Stewart, one of the three delegates who came out to report on immigrant work in Canada.

Mrs. Cox, 1st Vice-President of the Society, went to Ottawa to meet the three delegates, and consulted them about the pros-

pects of emigration with regard to the extension of the work in the North-West.

The President, Mrs. Gillespie, spent some weeks in Edinburgh last spring, and had much pleasure in meeting Lady Victoria Campbell, and other ladies connected with the Scotch Branch of the United British Women's Emigration Association; she was glad to be able to encourage the emigration of Scotch girls, as these have mostly proved very satisfactory as domestic servants.

Mrs. Gillespie was also most kindly received by the ladies of the U.B.W.E.A. in London, and was present at a very interesting meeting held in the Imperial Institute in June, at which Lord Loch presided, and spoke in warm terms of the assistance given by the W. P. I. Society in Canadian emigration.

The President also had the pleasure of meeting Miss MacDonald, from Aberdeen, who has been especially successful in her selection of the girls she has sent out to the Society.

The Rev. J. Patterson has been unfailing in his visits to the Home, on the arrival of Scotch immigrants.

The Committee acknowledge, with thanks, the assistance given to them by the officials of the Allan and Dominion Steamship Lines, as well as the services rendered to their Matron by the officials of the railway companies.

They also wish to thank Mr. Hoolahan, Dominion Immigration Agent, and Mr. Marquette, Provincial Immigration Agent, for their co-operation and aid.

Many thanks are due to Dr. Kirkpatrick for his kindness in attending any cases of illness in the Home, during the past year.

The whole respectfully submitted.

EVA. VOSBURGH,

Hon.-Sec.-Treas.

Ald. Penny made a few remarks, touching on the Annual Report, which he considered a most favorable one.

The Society, said Ald. Penny, was most worthy, and should receive every possible encouragement. It was hoped that a vigorous scheme of immigration would be pursued by the present government. As yet, it was early to know what to expect.

Ald. Penny then moved that the report be adopted, which was seconded by Mr. D. A. Watt, and passed unanimously.

The election of officers then took place, resulting as follows:—President, Mrs. Gillespie; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. John Cox; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. E. S. Clouston; 3rd Vice-President, Miss Macdonald; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Percy Vosburgh; Board of Management, Mrs. Hugh Allan, Mrs. A. A. Allan, Mrs. Botterell, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Brakenridge, Mrs. Cramp, Mrs. Aspinwall-Howe, Mrs. G. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Robert Mackay, Mrs. Reuben Taylor, Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mrs. G. Abbott-Smith.

A cordial vote of thanks was moved by Rev. G. Abbott-Smith to Ald. Penny for presiding on this occasion, which was carried unanimously.

Dr. THE WOMEN'S PROTECTIVE IMMIGRATION SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER, &c.

1895, Dec. 2. To balance due Br. of Mont'l.	\$83 33	1896, Nov. 30. By Received the following amounts:—	
1896, Nov. 30. To paid the following, viz:—		" Dominion Govt. Grant	\$1,000 00
" Meat	113 55	" Provincial	499 95
" Vegetables	36 22	" Board	308 34
" Groceries	158 36	" Fees	28 50
" Bread	41 42	" Subscriptions	8 00
" Milk	42 71	" Interest	4 38
" Rent	450 00		
" House Expenses	47 13		
" Water Tax	22 31		
" Fuel	97 79		
" Stove	28 20		
" Plumbing	6 15		
" Gas	71 56		
" Carpenter and Painter	11 22		
" Telephone	25 00		
" Fire Insurance	5 00		
" Ice	6 00		
" Directory	3 00		
" Loan	1 35		
" Telegrams	1 05		
" Cab Hire	6 30		
" Subscriptions	2 00		
" Advertising	3 10		
" Stamps	8 58		
" Stationery	21 58		
" Wages	127 11		
" Salaries	230 00		
To balance (on deposit in Bank of Montreal)	196 13		
	<u>\$1,849 17</u>		

1896, Dec. 1. By Balance brought down

\$1,849 17
\$196 13

E. E.
MONTREAL, 10th December, 1896.

Examined and found correct,
WILLIAM ROBERTSON.