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HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA.  
HON. SENATOR SANFORD.

**PATRONS :**

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MRS. DRUMMOND, Montreal.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1894.**

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MRS. HOODLESS, Eastcourt, Hamilton.



# FIRST REPORT

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## National Council of Women of Canada.

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OTTAWA, APRIL 11TH, 1894.

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*Your Excellency, Members of the National Council of Women  
of Canada :*

The Secretary's report for this, the first Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women, must of necessity touch upon some matters that preceded the formal organization of the Council, which took place at a meeting held in Toronto on Thursday, October 26th, 1893.

Going back then to the 22nd May preceding that date, mention should be made of a meeting held in the Palmer House, Chicago, by the foreign delegates, and visitors to the Woman's Congress that had just closed, when it was then decided unanimously that an effort should be made to organize a National Council of Women in every country in the World, the same to consist of a Federation of Women's Societies, with the object of promoting sympathy by a more intimate knowledge of one another's work, as well as to secure more effective action in all matters of general importance. These Councils in turn to be affiliated with an International Council of Women, of which Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, was elected President.

In order to carry out this idea, a provisional Vice-President and Secretary were appointed for each country in the world, who, it was hoped, would take the initiative in bringing the matter before the women of their respective countries. Such a National Council already existed in the United States, and a similar organization, under a different name, had done much good work in Great Britain.

Mrs. McDonnell, of Sunnyside, Toronto, and Mrs. Gooderham, President of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society, were appointed provisional Vice-president and Secretary for Canada, and upon Mrs. Gooderham's subsequent resignation, owing to press of other business, your present Corresponding-Secretary was appointed provisionally in her place.

Two preliminary meetings were held in Toronto early in October of as many of the ladies who had attended the Congress as could be got together, and it was decided to hold a mass meeting in the Pavilion in that city, during the approaching visit of Her Excellency, for the purpose of formally organizing a National Council for Canada, after the idea had been fully explained to the meeting by Her Excellency.

Two hundred special invitations were sent out to the Presidents and principal officers of all the large Associations of Women in Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa, Hamilton and London, so far as their addresses could be obtained in the very limited time available. That these invitations did not extend to other large cities, was only owing to the fact that the shortness of time, after the date was definitely arranged by Her Excellency, made it impossible for delegates to attend from the distant provinces.

The resolution to form a National Council of Women of Canada on the basis suggested at Chicago, was carried, and officers were elected to whom was entrusted the duty of revising and putting into final shape the constitution for the National Council and a recommended form of constitution for the Local Councils.

During the following week a Local Council was formed in Toronto, which now consists of 23 Federated Societies, embracing Associations for the advancement of philanthropy, literature, arts, religion, temperance, and woman's enfranchisement, and also "The Woman's Protective Association," "The Ministering Children's League," "The Socialists' League," "The Humane Society," and "The Girls' Friendly Society." A full list of the Societies federated in this and the other Local Councils will be added as an appendix to this report.

On November 17th, the Vice-President for Ontario and the Corres-

ponding Secretary went by invitation to Hamilton, when a Local Branch was formed. This Council now numbers 27 Federated Societies, representing Religion, Philanthropy, Education, Music, Art, the Press, Temperance, Historical and Stenographic Clubs, "Newsboys' Club," and "Alumnæ Association."

The Local Council of Montreal was organized by Her Excellency the President, on November 30th, and there are now 32 Federated Societies, besides those associations that may be classified under the general headings of religious societies, philanthropy, literature and arts. The following societies have also joined the Federation: "The Hervey Institute," "The MacKay Institute," "The Alumnæ Society of Women Graduates."

Her Excellency the President organized the Ottawa Local Council on the 16th January, which now consists of 27 Federated Societies, which represent philanthropy, temperance, church societies, missionary societies, hospital and educational interests. The two following clauses have been added to the local constitution by this Council:

"Any women representing various organizations, which by reason of internal regulations cannot affiliate, and which it is at the same time desirable to have represented, may be invited by the President and Executive to join the Committee."

"Any person whose name is acceptable to the Executive Committee and who is not connected with any affiliated Society, may become a member of the Local Council on payment of \$1.00 annually, and may take part in the proceedings and discussions of the public meetings of the Council, but is not entitled to vote. Such members shall receive free all literature published by the Council."

Under the first of these clauses six Roman Catholic ladies were elected to the Executive to represent the work done by Roman Catholic women.

The London Local Council was also organized by Her Excellency, at a crowded meeting held in the Opera House in that city on the 14th February. This Council now numbers 12 Federated Societies, representing philanthropy, religion, temperance, education and art.

Mrs. Schultz, of Government House, Winnipeg, called a meeting to organize a Local Council in that city on the 24th of February, a second meeting being held on March 27th to complete arrangements, and it was decided to increase the number of Vice-Presidents by the addition of the wives of all the city clergymen. Six societies had federated according to the last report received.

A preliminary meeting for the purpose of explaining the nature and work of the National Council was held in Quebec by Her Excellency on the 4th of February, and at a second meeting held only last week, Tuesday, April 3rd, a Local Council was favorably organized by Her Excellency with the same constitution as that adopted at Ottawa, and with every prospect of receiving the active co-operation of the women-workers of all creeds and nationalities.

In addition to these Local Councils the following nationally organized societies have affiliated in the National Council in the order named. "The Woman's Art Association of Canada," "The Girls' Friendly Society of Canada," and "The Dominion Woman's Enfranchisement Association." Invitations have been sent to all nationally organized societies, so far as they were known to your officers, and it is hoped that they will be able to affiliate shortly.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Government House yesterday afternoon which was attended by the following members: The President, Vice-President for Ontario, Cor.-Secretary, Rec.-Secretary, Treasurer, the Presidents of the London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec Councils, also the President of the Women's Art Association, the President of the Girls' Friendly Society, the President of the Woman's Enfranchisement Association.

Various business in connection with the forthcoming meeting of Council was despatched, and resolutions, to be submitted to the Council in the name of the Executive, considered and amended. The reports of the officers to the Council were approved, and also this Report, along with the revised and amended Constitution for the National Council. A recommended form of Constitution for Local Councils, as follows, is also laid before you.

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
National Council of Women of Canada

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## PREAMBLE.

We, Women of Canada, sincerely believing that the best good of our homes and nation will be advanced by our own greater unity of thought, sympathy, and purpose, and that an organized movement of women will best conserve the highest good of the Family and the State, do hereby band ourselves together to further the application of the Golden Rule to society, custom and law.

That we may more successfully prosecute this work, we adopt the following

## CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Federation shall be called the National Council of Women of Canada.

## ARTICLE II.—GENERAL POLICY.

This Council is organized in the interest of no one propaganda, and has no power over the organizations which constitute it beyond that of suggestion and sympathy ; therefore, no Society voting to enter this Council shall render itself liable to be interfered with in respect to its complete organic unity, independence, or methods of work, or be committed to any principle or method of any other Society, or to any act or utterance of the Council itself, beyond compliance with the terms of this Constitution.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF

## ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS

SEC. 1. The Officers of this Council shall be a President, Hon. Vice-Presidents (the wives of the Lieut.-Governors), two Vice-Presidents-at-large (elected by ballot), a Vice-President for each Province, *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents (the Presidents of all Local Councils, and all federating Societies that are nationally organized), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interest of the Council of which five members shall form a quorum.

SEC. 3. Any woman representing nationally organized societies of women, which by reason of internal regulations cannot affiliate, and which it is at the same time desirable to have represented, may be invited by the President and Executive to join the Committee.

## ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Local Councils formed of federations of Associations of Women, and Societies of Women nationally organized, provided that their Constitutions be in harmony with the basis of Constitution of the National Council, may become members of this National Council by their own vote, with the approval of the Executive Committee aforesaid.

SEC. 2. All Local Councils and Societies of Women nationally organized shall, on affiliation, forward a copy of their Constitution and Rules to the Executive Committee, and at any time such Constitution is altered, a copy of the alteration shall be forwarded for the information of the Executive.

## ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The National Council shall meet Annually, or oftener upon the call of the President.

SEC. 2. The Committee of Arrangements shall be composed of the Executive Committee and one delegate, chosen as its representative by each Local Council, and one delegate from each nationally organized Society belonging to the National Council.

SEC. 3. The President and five delegates from each Local Council, and the President and one delegate from each nationally organized Society, together with the Executive Committee, shall alone have the right to vote at meetings of the National Council.

SEC. 4. Other members of the Council may attend the meetings of the Council and take part in the discussions but may not vote.

SEC. 5. All new business to be brought before the Annual or other Meetings of the Council, must first be submitted to the Executive Committee as a notice of motion.

#### ARTICLE VI.—FEES.

Each nationally organized Society or authorized representative of an organized community, federating in the National Council, shall pay an annual fee of \$2.00, and each Local Council shall pay an annual fee of \$5.00 to the National Council.

#### ARTICLE VII.—PATRONS.

SEC. 1. Any person whose name is accepted by the Executive Committee may become a Patron of this Council upon the payment of \$10.00 annually, or of \$100 at one time.

SEC. 2. The names of Patrons shall be placed after those of the Executive Committee on all printed documents.

SEC. 3. Any person whose name is acceptable to the Executive Committee, and who is not connected with any affiliated Society, may become a Member of the National Council on payment of \$1 annually, and may take part in the proceedings and discussions of the public meetings of the Council, but is not entitled to vote. Such members shall receive free all literature published by the Council.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be altered or amended by a majority vote at any Annual Meeting, notice thereof being sent to each member of the Executive Committee at least two months prior to such meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CONSTITUTION

RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR

LOCAL COUNCILS

IN FEDERATION WITH THE

National Council of Women of Canada.

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PREAMBLE.

Believing that the more intimate knowledge of one another's work will result in larger mutual sympathy and greater unity of thought, and therefore in more effective action, certain Associations of Women interested in Philanthropy, Religion, Education, Literature, Art, and Social Reform, have determined to organize Local Councils, and to that end join in the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Federation shall be called the Local Council of in affiliation with the National Council of Women of Canada.

ARTICLE II.—POLICY.

The aim of a Local Council is to bring the various Associations of Women in into closer relations through an organized union ; but no Society entering a Local Council shall thereby lose its independence in aim or method, or be committed to any principle or method of any other Society in the Council, the object of which is to serve as a medium of communication and a means of prosecuting any work of common interest.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

SEC. I. Any Society of Women, the nature of whose work is satisfactory to the Executive Committee of a Local Council, may become members of said Local Council by its own vote.

SEC. 2. The woman of any organization composed of both men and women may associate themselves by their own vote and join said Local Councils.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of a Local Council shall consist of a President, a Vice-President at large, *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents (Presidents of all Societies federating in a Local Council), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

These Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee, whose business it shall be to control and provide for the general interests of the Council. Five members shall constitute a quorum of this Committee.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. A Local Council shall hold Annual Meetings for the election of officers and other business.

SEC. 2. The Committee of Arrangements shall consist of the Executive Committee, together with one Delegate from each Society belonging to the Council.

SEC. 3. At the Annual Meeting each Society belonging to the Council shall have three votes (exclusive of that cast by the President).

SEC. 4. All other members of any Society belonging to the Council may have the privilege of participating in all discussions that may arise at the Annual Meeting, but may not vote.

SEC. 5. Other meetings of a Local Council may be held from time to time as may best promote the interests of said Council.

SEC. 6. All new business to be brought before the Annual Meeting of a Local Council must first be submitted to the Executive Committee as notice of motion.

ARTICLE VI.—FEES.

Each Society federating in a Local Council shall pay an annual fee of \$        towards the expense fund of the said Council.

## ARTICLE VII.—PATRONS.

Any person whose name is acceptable to the Executive Committee may become a Patron of a Local Council upon the payment of \$5.00 annually, or \$50.00 at one time.

## ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of a Local Council at any annual meeting, provided that such alteration be in harmony with the constitution of the National Council, notice of the proposed change having been sent to the Executive of the National Council two months, to each Society belonging to the Council at least one month prior to such Meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EMILY CUMMINGS,  
*Cor.-Secretary, N. C. W.*

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## LIST OF LOCAL COUNCILS

WITH THEIR FEDERATED SOCIETIES, AND OF NATIONALLY ORGANIZED SOCIETIES IN AFFILIATION.

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### **Toronto Local Council.**

Organized November 3rd, 1893.

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#### OFFICERS.

President . . . . . MRS. GRANT MACDONALD, 327 College Street  
 Vice-President-at-large . . . . . MRS. OSLER, 35 Avenue Street  
 Ex-officio Vice-Presidents . . . . . PRESIDENTS OF FEDERATED SOCIETIES  
 Corresponding Secretary . . . . . MISS CARTWRIGHT, 63 Avenue Road  
 Recording Secretary . . . . . MRS. DIGNAM, 509 Markham Street  
 Treasurer . . . . . MRS. SCALES, 54 Wellington Place

## FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

*Philanthropic—*

Infants' Home and Infirmary . . . . .	Pres.—Mrs. Ridout
Convalescent Home . . . . .	“ Mrs. Gibson
Humane Society . . . . .	“ Mrs. Dupont
Girls' Industrial Institute . . . . .	“ Mrs. Brett
Moses Montifiore Benevolent Society “	Mrs. A. D. Benjamin
Boys' Home . . . . .	“ Lady Gzowski
Toronto Relief Society . . . . .	“ Mrs. Forsyth Grant
Industrial Rooms Association . . . . .	“ Mrs. Barnet
Orphans' Home . . . . .	“ Mrs. VanKoughnet
Girls' Home . . . . .	“ Mrs. J. C. Scott

*Literature and Art—*

Woman's Art Association . . . . .	Pres.—Mrs. Dignam
Woman's Literary Society, Toronto University . . . . .	“ Mrs. E. M. Lawson

*Religious—*

Church of England Auxiliary to Missions . . . . .	Pres.—Mrs. Williamson
Methodist Woman's Missionary Society “	Mrs. Williams
Primary Sun. School Teachers' Union “	Miss C. Lawson
Young Woman's Christian Association “	Mrs. Jeffrey
Women's Christian Temperance Union “	Mrs. Forster
Roman Catholic Woman's Work . . . . .	“ Mrs. O'Keefe
Young Woman's Christian Guild . . . . .	“ Mrs. Harvie

*Not Classified—*

Working Woman's Protective Association	Pres.—Mrs. Brown
Toronto Union of King's Daughters . . . . .	“ Mrs. Coad
Ministering Children's League . . . . .	“ Mrs. S. G. Wood
Socialists' League . . . . .	“ Dr. Lelia Davis
Woman's Enfranchisement Association . . . . .	“ Mrs. Scales

**Hamilton Local Council.**

Organized November 17th, 1893.

## OFFICERS.

President ..... MRS. J. ROSE HOLDEN, MacNab Street, South  
 Vice-President-at-large ..... MRS. PAPPS, Herkemer Street  
 Corresponding Secretary .... MISS BERTHA SAVAGE, Bay Street, South  
 Recording Secretary ..... MISS WALTON, 81 Charles Street  
 Treasurer ..... MISS KATE SADLIER, Main Street, East

## FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

*Philanthropic—*

Hamilton Orphan Asylum and Aged Woman's Home, and Ladies'  
 Benevolent Society ..... Pres.—Mrs. J. Stuart.  
 Infants' Home, and Home of the Friend-  
 less ..... “ Mrs. J. Watson.  
 Boys' Home ..... “ Mrs. M. Leggatt.  
 Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Ani-  
 mals ..... “ Mrs. A. Burns.

*Religious Societies—*

Young Women's Christian Association. Pres.—Mrs. J. Hoodless.  
 Dorcas Society of All Saints' Church .. “ Mrs. G. T. Tuckett.  
 All Saints' Branch of the Women's  
 Auxiliary to Missions ..... “ Mrs. J. Patterson.  
 Central Woman's Christian Temper-  
 ance Union ..... Rep.—Mrs. Kneeshaw.  
 Central Young Woman's Christian Tem-  
 perance Union ..... “ Mrs. Oaten.  
 Hamilton Woman's Christian Temper-  
 ance Union ..... Pres.—Mrs. Wolfkill.  
 Wentworth Co. Woman's Christian  
 Temperance Union ..... “ Mrs. Day Smith.  
 Hebrew Woman's Society ..... “ Mrs. Day.  
 St. Mary's Ladies' Aid Society ..... “ Miss Reche.

*Educational—*

- Senior Section of the Hamilton Teachers' Association—  
 Pres.—Miss G. White.  
 Third Book Section of the Hamilton Teachers' Association—  
 Pres.—Miss S. Bennett.  
 Second Book Section of the Hamilton Teachers' Association—  
 Pres.—Miss L. Murray.  
 Kindergarten Department of the Hamilton Teachers' Association—  
 Pres.—Miss Bertha Savage.  
 Wesleyan Female College.  
 Pres.—Miss Burns.

*Unclassified—*

- Newsboys' Club.....Rep.—Mrs. Day.  
 Women's Stenographic Club.....Pres.—Miss K. Sadlier  
 Librarians' and Civil Service Association.. “ Miss Sutherland  
 Wentworth Historical Society..... “ Mrs. Sanford  
 Hamilton Choir.....Rep.—Mrs. Papps  
 Amateur Art Club.....Pres.—Miss Galbraith  
 The Alumnae Association..... “ Mrs. Pratt  
 The Press..... “ Mrs. Fessenden  
 Wentworth Circle..... “ Miss Douns

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**Montreal Local Council.**

Organized November 30th 1893.

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OFFICERS.

- President..... MRS. DRUMMOND, 874 Sherbrooke street  
 Vice-President..... MADAME THIBAudeau, 837 Lagauchetiere street  
 Ex-officio Vice-Presidents..... Presidents of all Federated Societies  
 Corresponding Secretary.. MISS FAIRLEY, Trafalgar Institute, 83 Simp-  
 son street.  
 Recording Secretary..... MRS. CLARKE MURRAY, 66 Wood Avenue  
 Associate..... MRS. ASHLEY CARUS-WILSON, B.A., McTavish street  
 Treasurer..... MRS. WURTELE, 78 Union Avenue

## FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

*Philanthropy—*

- Woman's Protective Immigration Society,  
Pres.—Mrs. Gillespie, c.o. Gillespie & Co., 12 St. Sacramento street.
- The Ladies' Benevolent Society,  
Pres.—Mrs. Cramp, 66 McGill College Avenue.
- The Protestant Infants' Home,  
Represented by 1st Directress, Mrs. Davis, 1135 Dorchester street.
- Montreal Foundling and Infant Nursery,  
President, Mrs. Colin McArthur, 52 Park Avenue.
- St. Margaret's Home for Incurables,  
Represented by Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, 79 Shuter street.
- The Diet Dispensary,  
President, Miss De Witt, 963 Dorchester street.
- St. Andrew's Home,  
Represented by Miss Bond, Turkish Baths Hotel, and Mrs. Ogilvy, 1144 Dorchester street.
- The Montreal Maternity Hospital.  
President, Mrs. Gardner, 899 Shērbrooke street.
- Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.  
President, Mrs. Jacobs, 2788 St. Catherine street.
- The Protestant Orphan Asylum.  
President, Mrs. Torrance, 100 St. Alexander street.
- The Welcome Mission.  
Represented by Mrs. Hodge, 8 Seymour Avenue, and Miss Richardson, 57 Argyle avenue.
- The Harvey Institute,  
President, Mrs. Langlois, 111 Drummond street.
- Young Woman's Christian Association,  
President, Mrs. Stevenson, 186 Peel street.
- Homeopathic Hospital,  
President Ladies' Committee, Mrs. Morton, 1136 Sherbrooke street.

*Church Societies—*

- Christ Church Cathedral Branch Woman's Auxiliary,  
President, Mrs. Norton, 57 University street.
- Trinity Church Branch Woman's Auxiliary,  
Mrs. Mills, 574 Sherbrooke street.
- American Presbyterian Church Foreign Mission Society,  
President, Mrs. Lindsay, 121 Mackay street.
- Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Church,  
Miss Perkins, 2496 St. Catherine street.
- St. Paul's Church Dorcas Society,  
Miss Greenshields, 209 Drummond street.
- Church of the Messiah Samaritan Society,  
Mrs. Barnes, 14 Lorne avenue.
- St. John the Evangelist's Girl's Friendly Society,  
Mrs. French, 1773 Ontario street.
- Ladies' Aid Society of Spanish and Portugese Jews.  
Mrs. Meldola De Sola, 65 Victoria street.
- Ladies' Sewing Society of Spanish and Portugese Jews,  
Mrs. Sandeman, 82 Shuter street.
- The Ladies' Aid Society of Temple Emmanuel,  
Represented by Mrs. Veld, 24 St. Luke street.

*Literature, Art and Education—*

- The Montreal Musical Club,  
President, Mrs. William Reed, 473 Guy street.
- Decorative Art Society,  
Mrs. G. W. Stephens, 845 Dorchester street.
- The Ladies' Morning Musicales,  
President, Mrs. Elmenhorst, 334 Peel street.
- The Montreal Women's Club,  
President, Mrs. Robert Reid, 57 Union avenue.
- The Mackay Institute,  
Represented by Mrs. Wolferstan Thomas, 730 Sherbrooke street.
- The Alumnae Society of Woman Graduates of McGill University,  
President, Miss Robins, 513 Notre Dame street.

**Ottawa Local Council.**

- Organized January 16th, 1894.

## OFFICERS.

President .....	LADY RITCHIE, 285 Metcalfe street
	..... MRS. R. W. SCOTT, 274 Daly avenue
Vice-Presidents. {	..... MADAME TASCHEREAU, 265 Theodore street
	..... MRS. E. H. BRONSON, 75 Concession street
	..... MRS. GWYNNE, 188 Metcalfe street
Corresponding Secretary .....	MRS. TILTON, 37 Gloucester street
Recording Secretary .....	MRS. E. GRIFFIN, The Russell
Treasurer .....	MRS. EDWARDS, 127 Metcalfe street

## FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

*Philanthropic—*

Ottawa Orphan's Home,	Representative .... MRS. H. F. BRONSON
Home of the Aged.	President ..... MRS. MCLEOD STEWART
Young Women's Christian Association,	President ..... MISS WRIGHT
Women's Christian Temperance Union,	President ..... MRS. R. W. COWAN
Young Women's Christian Temperance Union,	President ..... MRS. DONALDSON
United King's Daughter,	President ..... MRS. AMI
Home for Friendless Women.	President ..... MISS WRIGHT
Ottawa Humane Society,	President . . . . . HON. MRS. HERBERT

*Church Guilds and Aid Societies—*

Woman's Guild, St. Alban's Church,	President ..... MRS. GRANT POWELL
Dorcas Society, St. George's Church,	Representative ..... MRS. SNOWDON

*Church Guilds and Aid Societies—Continued—*

- Ladies' Aid Society, Dominion Methodist Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. WHELAN
- Ladies' Auxiliary, Emmanuel Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. TRACEY
- Woman's Guild, Grace Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. CROMBIE

*Hospitals—*

- The Children's Hospital,  
Representative . . . MRS. WALKER POWELL
- Ladies' Committee, Carleton County General Hospital,  
President . . . . . MRS. PERKINS

*Educational—*

- The Harmon Home and Day School Council,  
President . . . . . MISS HARMON
- Froebel Union,  
President . . . . . MISS BOLTON
- Coligny College,  
President . . . . . MISS MACBRATNEY
- Girls' Teachers' Association Model School,  
President . . . . . MISS SHENICK

*Missionary Associations—*

- Ottawa Branch, Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of D.  
and F. Missions, Church of England,  
Representative . . . . . MRS. POLLARD
- W. I. M. Society, St. Andrew's Church,  
President . . . . . MISS HARMON
- Home Missionary Society, St. Andrew's Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. HERRIDGE
- Home Missionary Circle, First Baptist Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. MACKAY
- W. F. Missionary Circle, First Baptist Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. LINK
- W. F. Mission Circle, McPhail Memorial Baptist Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. TOMLINSON
- Woman's Missionary Society, Dominion Methodist Church,  
President . . . . . MRS. SEYBOLD

The Roman Catholic Societies and Institutions in Ottawa are represented by six Roman Catholic ladies on the Executive who are especially associated with the following societies :

Convent of Good Shepherd . . . . .	MRS. R. W. SCOTT
St. Patrick's Orphan Home . . . . .	MRS. F. McDOUGAL
St. Bridget's Sewing Society . . . . .	MRS. GORMAN
L'Asile Bethléhem . . . . .	MRS. MCGARVEY
The Orphanage of St. Joseph . . . . .	MME BAUSET
La Congrégation de Notre Dame . . . . .	MRS. J. P. BROPHY

### London Local Council.

Organized February 14, 1894.

#### OFFICERS.

President . . . . .	MRS. ENGLISH, Hellmuth College
Vice-Presidents . . . . .	MRS. McMECHAN, Dundas street ; MRS. TILLEY, 55 King street ; MRS. MURRAY, St. Andrew's Manse
Corresponding Secretary . . . . .	MRS. CARSON, 26 Prospect Avenue
Recording Secretary . . . . .	MRS. MATHEWSON, 348 Dufferin Avenue
Treasurer . . . . .	MRS. IRA SMITH, 595 Talbot street

#### FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

##### *Philanthropy—*

Orphans' Home . . . . .	President, Mrs. Morphy
Mother's Union . . . . .	President, Mrs. Richardson
Woman's Christian Association . . . . .	President, Mrs. Reid
Convalescent Home . . . . .	President, Mrs. Boomer

##### *Religious Societies—*

Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union,	President, Miss Trebilcock
London King's Daughters . . . . .	President, Mrs. Tilley
King's Daughters, Hellmuth College . . . . .	President, Miss Oakley

##### *Educational—*

Staff, Hellmuth College . . . . .	President, Mrs. English
Froebel Union . . . . .	President, Miss McKenzie

*Unclassified—*

- Art Club ..... President, Mrs. Leonard  
 Canadian Order of Home Circles .... President, Mrs. Levine  
 Reading Club ..... President, Mrs. Macbeth

**Winnipeg Local Council.**

Organized February 24th, 1894.

OFFICERS.

- President ..... MRS. SCHULTZ  
 Vice-President-at-large ..... MRS. TAYLOR  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... MRS. J. G. MOORE  
 Recording Secretary ..... MRS. G. PARKER  
 Treasurer ..... MRS. W. B. SCARTH

FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

- Children's Home.  
 Woman's Hospital Aid Society.  
 Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
 Free Kindergarten.  
 Woman's Christian Union.  
 Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union.  
 Lady Aberdeen Association.

**Quebec Local Council.**

Organized April 3rd, 1894.

OFFICERS.

- President ..... MADAME ROUTHIER, 83 Louis street  
 Vice-Presidents { ..... MRS. HUNTER DUNN, Esplanade  
                           { ..... MADAME CASALT, Salaberry street  
 English Secretaries { MME. EDMOND DE LOTBINIÈRE, Ste. Geneviève st  
                           { ..... MISS ROWAND, St. Denis street  
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                           { ..... MADAME GRONDIN, Ursule street  
 Treasurer ..... MRS. McCORD, Ste. Geneviève street

**Kingston Local Council.**

Organized week following Annual Meeting.

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President.....	MRS. HUGH FRASER
Vice-Presidents.....	{ MRS. JAMES SWIFT MRS. BUXTON SMITH MRS. R. T. WALKEM
Ex-Officio Vice-Presidents, PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERATED SOCIETIES	
Corresponding Secretary.....	MISS MACHAR
Recording Secretary.....	MISS MARTHA SMITH
Treasurer.....	MRS. W. SKINNER

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NATIONALLY ORGANIZED SOCIETIES AFFILIATED IN  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

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THE WOMEN'S ART ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

President ..... MRS. DIGNAM, 509 Markham street, Toronto

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY OF CANADA.

President.... . MRS. S. G. WOOD, 100 Pembroke street, Toronto

THE DOMINION WOMAN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT ASSOCIATION.

President ..... DR. EMILY STOWE, 9 North street, Toronto

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE  
— OF —  
The National Council of Women of Canada  
OTTAWA

*Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th and 12th, 1894.*

TUESDAY APRIL 10th.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 3 P.M.  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th.

MEETING OF COUNCIL 10 A.M.

ASSEMBLY HALL, NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS (ENTRANCE ON LISGAR ST.)

- 10.00 Silent Prayer.
- 10.05 President's Opening Address.
- 10.20 Addresses of Welcome on behalf of Local Council of Ottawa and Hospitality Committee.
- 10.30 Answer to Address of Welcome by Mrs. McDonnell (Vice-Pres. for Ontario.)
- 10.40 Minutes of last Meeting.
- 11.00 Annual Report by Secretary, and motion for adoption thereof.
- 11.15 Treasurer's Report and motion for adoption thereof.
- 11.30 Report of Local Councils, and motions for adoption thereof.
- 12.10 Reports of Nationally organized Societies, and motions for adoption thereof.
- 12.30 Adjournment.

INTERVAL, 12.30 TO 2.30.

PUBLIC CONFERENCE, 2.30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY HALL, NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS. ENTRANCE ON LISGAR STREET.

*Section 1.—Co-operation in Work and Its Advantages.*

- 2.30 Paper 1—"Co-operation on a General Basis," by Mrs. Ashley Carus Wilson, Montreal.
- 2.40 Paper 2—"Co-operation as shown in Associated Charities," by Mrs. Drummond, President Montreal Local Council.
- 2.50 Address—"Co-operation of Working Women for Protective Purposes," by Her Excellency the President.
- 3.00 TWENTY MINUTES' DISCUSSION.

*Section 2.—Women's Clubs and their Benefits.*

- 3.20 Paper 1—"Literary Clubs and their Influence on Canadian Literature," by Miss Shenick, Ottawa.
- 3.30 Paper 2—"Social Clubs, and their Influence on Canadian Life," by Mme. Dandurand, Montreal.
- 3.40 Paper 3—"Musical Clubs and Associations, and their Influence on Canadian Music," by Mrs. George Papps, Hamilton.
- 3.50 Paper 4—"Art Clubs and Associations, and their Influence of Canadian Art," Mrs. Dignam, W. A. A., Toronto.
- 4.00 TEN MINUTES' DISCUSSION.

*Section 3.—The Relation of Parents and Children, and its Responsibilities.*

- 4.10 Paper 1—"Training of Young Children," by Miss Laidlaw, London.
- 4.20 Paper 2—"How to Retain Home Influences over Growing up Boys and Girls," by a member of the Toronto Council.
- 4.30 Paper 3—"Difficult Children and How to Understand them," by Mrs. Frechette, Ottawa.
- 4.40 TWENTY MINUTES' DISCUSSION.
- 5.00 Notices, etc.
- 5.10 Adjournment.

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EVENING RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR THE DELEGATES AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, 9 TO 11.30 P.M.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH.

MEETING OF COUNCIL, 10 A.M.

ASSEMBLY HALL, NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS. ENTRANCE ON LISGAR STREET.

10 a.m. Silent Prayer.

Reading of minutes.

Resolutions sent in by Local Councils, and by the Executive Committee.

It is proposed that ten minutes be the time allowed for the mover of each resolution; five minutes for the seconder, and three minutes for all other speakers, except for the mover of an amendment, to whom it is proposed to allot five minutes.

*1.—Promotion of Patriotic Feeling.*

Proposed by the Ottawa Local Council :—

"That the National Council of Women of Canada recognize with hearty approval the steps now being taken to prepare, for the use of schools, a new and improved History of Canada calculated to foster in the minds and hearts of the young a spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm, a love of their country and a pride in its resources.

This Council also endorses the movement for the preparation of a text-book on citizenship, having for its object to fix in the minds of the boys and girls of the Dominion a just conception of their rights and duties as citizens, apprehending that probably never before was there such urgent need of a clear understanding of such principles, and they order that the resolution be communicated to those by whom the movement has been originated and is now being carried on, with earnest wishes for the success of their undertakings."

Moved by Miss Harmon, Ottawa,

Seconded by Mrs. Drummond, Montreal.

2.—*Appointment of Women Inspectors for Factories and Workshops in Ontario.*

Proposed by Toronto Local Council :—

"That the National Council do recommend the Local Councils to unite in a petition to their Provincial Governments for the appointment of Women Inspectors for Factories and Workshops where women are employed."

Moved by Mrs. Lye, Toronto,

Seconded by Mrs. Reid, Montreal.

3.—*International Arbitration.*

Proposed by the Executive of National Council :—

"That this meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada most heartily approves of the principle of arbitration in the settlement of International disputes, and urges that every opportunity be taken for its permanent adoption."

Moved by Mrs. McDonnell, Vice-President for Ontario,

Seconded by Lady Ritchie, Ottawa.

4.—*Appointment of Police Matrons.*

Proposed by the Executive of National Council :—

"That this meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada do recommend all Local Councils to take steps to obtain the appointment of a sufficient number of Police Matrons for female prisoners in their own districts."

Moved by Mrs. McDonnell, Vice-President for Ontario,

Seconded by Mrs. Cummings, Corresponding Secretary.

*5.—Manual Training for Girls.*

Proposed by the Executive of National Council :—

“ That this National Council of Women of Canada do all in its power to promote the incorporation of a system of manual training into the Public Schools of Canada, believing that such training will greatly conduce to the general welfare of Canadian homes, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Ministers of Education of each Provincial Government.”

Moved by Mrs. Hoodless, Treasurer,

Seconded by Mrs. MacNaughton, Montreal.

*6.—Date and Place of next Meeting of Council.*

The delegates from the Toronto Local Council presented an invitation to the National Council according to the terms of the following resolution passed at a meeting of the Toronto Local Council :—

“ That the Local Council of Toronto do extend an invitation to the National Council to hold their next Annual Meeting at Toronto.”

Moved by Mrs. Grant Macdonald,

Seconded by Mrs. Helliwell.

Accepted on behalf of the National Council.

## PUBLIC CONFERENCE, 2.30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY HALL, NORMAL SCHOOL. ENTRANCE ON LISGAR STREET.

*Section 1.—Women's Work in Connection with Social Reforms.*

2.30 Paper 1—“Preventive Work,” by Mrs. Wood, G. F.S.

2.40 Paper 2—“Rescue Work,” by Mme. Routhier, Quebec.

2.50 Paper 3—“Temperance Work,” by Mrs. Day Smith, Hamilton.

3.00 TWENTY MINUTES DISCUSSION.

*Section 2.—Women's Work in Connection with the Sick.*

3.20 Paper 1—“Hospital Nursing,” by Miss Harris, Hamilton.

3.30 Paper 2—“Nursing of the Poor in Their Own Homes,” by Mrs. Tilley  
London.

3.40 Paper 3—“Emergency or ‘First Aid to the Injured,’ Lectures, by Mrs. Hodgins, Toronto.

3.50 TWENTY MINUTES DISCUSSION.

*Section 3.—The Problem of Domestic Service.*

4.10 Paper 1—“From the Mistress Point of View,” by Mrs. Boomer, London.

4.20 Paper 2—“From the Servant Point of View.” Mrs. Helliwell, Toronto.

4.30 Paper 3—"The Problem Solved," by Mrs. Stowe, Dominion Enfranchisement Association.

4.40 TWENTY MINUTES' DISCUSSION.

5.00 Reading of Minutes for the day.  
Adjournment.

#### PUBLIC MEETING, 8.00 P.M.

LARGE HALL, NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS. ENTRANCE LISGAR STREET.

Secretary's abstract of Report.

President's Closing Address.

*Resolution 1.*—"That this meeting do heartily endorse the formation of the National Council of Women of Canada, believing that it will conduce to the best welfare of the country by promoting greater unity of thought, sympathy and purpose between the women workers of all classes and sections of the people."

Proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General.

Seconded by the Right Hon. Sir John Thompson.

Supported by Principal Grant, of Kingston.

*Resolution 2.*—"That this meeting congratulates the National Council of Women of Canada on the broad basis on which it is formed, and learns with satisfaction that Local Councils in affiliation with the National Council have already been formed in several of the leading centres of population in Canada."

Moved by His Honor Judge Routhier,

Seconded by Archdeacon Lauder.

Votes of thanks, by His Honour the Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, Rev. Dr. Benson, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Drummond.

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#### FRIDAY APRIL, 13TH.

#### SECTIONAL CONFERENCES.

Were held, called by :—

The Temperance Workers of Hamilton. Normal School.

The Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association. Normal School.

The Dominion Girls Friendly Society. St. George's Church Sunday School.

Montreal Women's Protective Immigration Society. Normal School.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF

Montreal Ladies' Morning Musical Society. Normal School.

Ottawa Humane Society. Normal School.

Young Women's Christian Association.

The Executive Committee met in the Lecture Room of the Normal School Buildings at 11.30 a.m. Elgin Street.

## NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Mrs. McDonnell, Vice-President for Province of Ontario.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. English, Recording-Secretary.

Mrs. Hoodless, Treasurer.

*Delegates from Montreal Local Council.*

Mrs. Drummond, President.

Mrs. Wurtele.

Mrs. Sandiman.

Mrs. MacNaughton.

Mrs. Reid.

*Delegates from Toronto Local Council.*

Mrs. Grant Macdonald, President.

Mrs. Kerr.

Mrs. Helliwell.

Mrs. W. C. Matthews.

Mrs. Lye.

Miss Brown.

*Delegates from Quebec Local Council.*

Mme. Routhier, President.

Mme. Parent, Mayoress, Quebec.

Mme. Berlinquet.

Mme. Lavery.

Mrs. Geggie.

Madame E. Joly de Lotbiniere.

*Delegates from Hamilton Local Council.*

Mrs. Holden, President.

Mrs. Fessendon.

Mrs. Newcombe.

Mrs. Day Smith.

Mrs. Papps.

Miss Harris.

*Delegates from London Local Council.*

Mrs. English, President.  
 Mrs. Tilley.  
 Mrs. McMechan.  
 Mrs. Boomer.  
 Mrs. John Cameron.  
 Mrs. McBeth.

*Delegates from Winnipeg Local Council.*

Mrs. Schultz, President.  
 Mrs. Kirby.

*Delegates from Ottawa Local Council.*

And their substitutes in the event of their being unable to attend.

Lady Ritchie, President.  
 Mrs. Grant Powell.  
 Mrs. Thorburn. Substitute, Mrs. Mard.  
 Mrs. MacKay. Substitute, Mrs. Cowan.  
 Mrs. F. Macdougall.  
 Miss Harmon.

*Delegates from the Girls' Friendly Society of Canada.*

Mrs. S. G. Wood.  
 Mrs. Tilton.

*Delegates from Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association.*

Dr. Emily Stowe, President.  
 Mrs. Stowe.

*Delegates from the Women's Art Association of Canada.*

Mrs. Dignam, President.  
 Mrs. Gregory.

*Additional Names of Members of Council attending from Toronto and elsewhere.*

Miss David.  
 Mrs. Leigh.  
 Mrs. Elliott.  
 Mrs. Morphy.  
 Mrs. Fiske, from St. John, N.B.  
 Mrs. Treadlicock.  
 Mrs. Coad.  
 Miss Sadlier.  
 Mrs. Sutherland Taylor,  
 Mrs. Gibbs, Port Arthur.