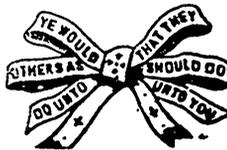


The
National Council of Women
of Canada



Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting

Regina, Saskatchewan
(Normal School Building)

June 17th to 25th, 1919

NOTES.

1. Reserved seats will be kept for delegates in the front of the hall during the Council Meetings.

2. Other members of the National and Local Councils, or members of the Societies affiliated with the National Council, will occupy the remainder of the hall.

3. All members of Council (members of the affiliated Societies of any Local Council, or Nationally Organized Society in Federation) may take part in the discussions, but only accredited delegates may vote.

4. Each session of the Council will commence promptly at the hour appointed.

5. Ten minutes will be 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.

6. A time-keeper will be appointed to strike a bell when the allotted time has elapsed and no speaker shall continue after this, except by the unanimous request of the Council.

7. All who intend to speak on any subject will send up their names to the Chair at the beginning of each new discussion; each speaker should come to the platform.

8. Each Local Council and Nationally Organized Society is asked to arrange with their delegates so that one of them shall attend each of the meetings of the Standing Committees.

9. In accordance with the usual custom of the National Council the session on Monday, June 23rd, 10 a.m., will be a private meeting of Council open to any member of any Society federated in a Local Council or in the National Council, but not open to the public generally or the press.

Meetings of the Executive Council

10 A.M.

2.30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17th, 1919.

Meeting of the Executive Council.

10.00 a.m.—Morning Session.

2.30 p.m.—Afternoon Session.

Evening Session if required.

This meeting is open only to members of the Executive Committee, that is, the Presidents of Local Councils and Nationally Organized Societies in Federation or their substitutes, the Conveners of Standing Committees and the General Officers.

Meetings of the Standing Committees

10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

2.30 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th, 1919.

These meetings, with the exception of the Finance Committee, are open to any delegates who care to attend.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Committee on Peace and Arbitration, Room I.

Committee on Supervised Playgrounds, Room II.

Committee on Household Economics, Room III.

11 a.m. to 12 noon.—Committee on Citizenship, Room I.

Committee on Laws for the Better Protection of Women and Children, Room II.

Committee on Spread of Objectionable Printed Matter, Room III.

Committee on Fine and Applied Arts, Room IV.

12 noon to 1 p.m.—Committee on Conservation of Natural Resources, Room I.

Committee on Care of Mentally Deficient, Room II.

Committee on Organization of Woman Labour, Room III.

Committee on Equal Moral Standard, Room IV.

2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.—Committee on Taxation, Room I.

Committee on Agriculture for Women, Room II.

Committee on Professions and Employments for Women, Room III.

3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.—Committee on Public Health, Room I.

Committee on Education, Room II.

Committee on Immigration, Room III.

2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.—Committee on Finance, Room IV.

NOTE.—Any Committee wishing to continue work may do so in the evening.

AGENDA
 OF THE
 Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting
 OF THE
 National Council of Women of Canada

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th, 1919.

9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.—Devotional Meeting in Committee Room
arranged for by Regina Local Council.

10 a.m.—Morning Session

Silent Prayer. National Anthem.

Roll Call. Announcements.

Address of Welcome. His Worship the Mayor of Regina.

Address of Welcome. Mrs. J. R. Peverett, President Local
Council of Regina.

Reply on behalf of the Officers. Lady Falconer, Toronto.

Reply on behalf of the Delegates. Mrs. A. U. de Pencier,
Vancouver.

Correspondence.

Appointment of Returning Officers, Tellers and Auditors, for
the coming year.

Address by the President.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer.

Reports of the Provincial Vice-Presidents.

Resolution moved on behalf of Virden Local Council.

Seconded by.....

Resolved, "That the National Council of Women of Canada, initiate
a Child Welfare Week throughout the Dominion."

Minutes.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th, 1919.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.30 P.M.

Report of the Committee on Public Health.
Report of the Committee on Immigration.
Report of the Committee on Conservation of Natural Resources.

Resolution moved on behalf of Macleod Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Whereas, the objection to purchasing Canadian goods is their excessive cost in comparison to English and American goods, notwithstanding customs and freight.

"Resolved, that, the National Council of Women correspond with the Canadian Trade Commission in regard to their circular letter, re purchase of goods made or produced in Canada, with the object of ascertaining in what way they can reduce the cost of these Canadian goods."

Resolution moved on behalf of Peterborough Local Council.

Seconded by Toronto Local Council.

"Whereas, (a) An appeal has been made by the Government to the women of Canada to buy 'Made in Canada' articles, whenever obtainable, and (b) believing that a closer understanding between consumer and manufacturer is necessary in order that this appeal should receive the support desired;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the National Council of Women:

"(a) Endorse the principle of buying 'Made in Canada' articles, and

"(b) That a Committee be appointed by the National Council to meet the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at an early date, in an attempt to secure a better understanding between consumer and manufacturer as to quality and price of 'Made in Canada' articles."

Report of Special Committee re a Woman's Platform.
Minutes.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Invitation from Sir Richard and Lady Lake to a Reception at Government House.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th, 1919.

9.15 to 9.45.—Devotional Meeting in Committee Room.

10 a.m.—Morning Session.

Silent Prayer.

Correspondence.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and Standing Orders.

Amendments relating to the Constitution and Standing Orders
(on separate sheets).

Resolution, re Adoption of Constitution and Standing Orders.

Minutes.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th, 1919.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.30 P.M.

Report of the Committee on Citizenship.

Report of the Committee on Laws.

Resolution moved on behalf of Victoria Local Council.

Seconded by.....

“Whereas, it has been alleged that in the Institutions operated under the Banking Act, Women workers have been paid inadequately, as compared with men, producing the same results, and

“Whereas, such methods are calculated to re-act injuriously on citizenship.

“Be it resolved, that the National Council of Women go thoroughly in to the powers, of Banking Institutions and of their methods of operation and to secure, if possible, an amendment to the Banks’ Act, if considered necessary.”

Report of the Special Committee re Changes in the Criminal Code.

Resolution moved on behalf of the London Local Council.

Seconded by St. Thomas Local Council.

Supported by New Westminster Local Council.

“Whereas, it seems eminently fitting that the tribute our National Council would pay to the valour and splendid bravery of our fallen heroes should be an honour bestowed upon the Mothers who bore them, and

“Whereas, the decoration of Mothers into the International Order of Allied Mothers in Sacrifice will be an enduring link between these Mothers in all the Allied Nations, and

"Whereas, the National Council of Women more fully represents Canadian Womanhood, and therefore eminently fitting, this Organization should undertake this work.

"Be it resolved, that the National Council of Women commemorate in one the heroism of the Son, and the pride, grief and loss of the Mother

"Further be it resolved, that as far as practicable, this work be systematically arranged for by each Local Council becoming responsible for the decoration of Mothers who have lost Sons in this War in their own locality."

Moved in Amendment on behalf of Vancouver Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"That any memorial should include the Nurses.

Resolution moved by United Farm Women of Alberta.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the U.F.W.A. in meeting assembled that in their opinion the most patriotic and enduring form in which the National Council of Women of the Federated Societies could commemorate the heroism and unselfish devotion of the Sons of Canada in the prolonged struggle which through their efforts has been brought at last to a close, would be in the form of ample provision for those who return, and the sympathetic care of the widows and children of those who have made the supreme sacrifice."

Minutes.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th, 1919.

EVENING SESSION, 8 P.M.

Address,—The Needs of the Various Provinces for Public Health Nursing Service,

Mrs. J. Charlotte Hanington, Chief Superintendent Victorian Order of Nurses.

Address,—How may Canada secure an Adequate Nursing Service?

Miss Jean I. Gunn, President of The Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses.

Resolution moved on behalf of Regina Local Council.

Seconded by Welland Local Council.

"Whereas after a careful survey of existing post-war conditions and having in view the reconstruction period in relation to nursing problems.

"And whereas the information received from Hospital Training

Schools using the eight hour system shows that the health of the nurses is conserved, their ideals are broadened, their patients receive better care, a desirable class of probationers is more readily obtained and a larger percentage reach graduation day.

“And whereas we feel that twelve hour duty for any class of women impairs their usefulness and their health and often leaves them unfitted later to fulfil their natural function of motherhood.

“Be it therefore resolved, that the National Council endorse the eight hour day duty for pupil nurses in Hospital Training Schools throughout the Dominion and that representation be made to the proper authorities with a view to the inauguration of this system.

Discussion.

Minutes.

God Save the King.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st, 1919

9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.—Devotional Meeting in Committee Room.

10 a.m.—Morning Session.

Silent Prayer.

Correspondence.

Report of the Committee on Education.

Resolution moved on behalf of St. Thomas Local Council.

Seconded by.....

“Whereas, those making a study of the matter, realize Humane Education is necessary to the formation of character, and is one of the fundamentals required for good citizenship.

“Resolved, that Local Councils appeal to their Provincial Legislatures that Humane Education be introduced into the Public Schools and embodied in the curriculum.”

Resolution moved on behalf of St. Thomas Local Council.

Seconded by.....

“Resolved, that the following law in existence in England since 1912 be included in the cruelty to Animals Act ‘In cases of prosecution for cruelty to animals, it is the opinion of the court that the animal or animals involved would be subjected to more cruelty if left in the possession of owner, the court has power to confiscate such animal or animals:”

Report of the Committee on Professions and Employments for Women.

Resolution moved on behalf of the Montreal Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"That, the matter of a distinctive Canadian Flag be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada, taking into careful consideration the principles involved in the use of such a Flag."

Resolution moved on behalf of the West Algoma Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"That, the day on which the Peace Proclamation is signed, be declared a perpetual National or Empire Holiday."

Minutes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st, 1919.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.30 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

Resolution moved on behalf of the Winnipeg Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, that the National Council of Women do appoint a Special Committee to work upon the problems of the reconstruction period, with the object of aiding by information and advice, the Local Councils throughout Canada to take their full share in the all important work of economic, industrial and social reconstruction."

Report of the Committee on Fine and Applied Arts.

Resolution moved on behalf of the West Algoma Local Council.

Seconded by Hamilton Local Council.

"Whereas, the work of the late Clementina Fessenden has resulted in the establishment of the 24th day of May, as Empire Day throughout the British Empire thereby strengthening the bonds between the Motherland and the Sister Dominions,

"Be it resolved, that the National Council of Women of Canada petition the Dominion Government to show the recognition and appreciation of the people of Canada for what Mrs. Fessenden accomplished therein, by placing a tablet to her memory in the New Parliament Buildings in Ottawa."

Minutes.

Reception and Gymkhana by the Northwest Mounted Police at their Barracks at five o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1919.

9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.—Devotional Meeting in Committee Room.
10 a.m.—Morning Session.

PRIVATE MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Silent Prayer.
Correspondence.
Report of the Finance Committee.

Resolution moved on behalf of Winnipeg Local Council.

Seconded by.....

“Resolved, that as it would facilitate the attendance of members from a distance, the matter of pooling the railway fares among all delegates at Annual and Executive Meetings of the National Council of Women of Canada be considered.”

Resolution moved on behalf of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. *Accepted,*

Seconded by.....

“Resolved, that all railway fares of delegates to the National Council Annual Meetings, and of the Members of the Executive to the Executive Meetings, be pooled, and that hospitality be limited to the Harvard system.”

Election of Officers and Conveners of Standing Committees.
Report of the Committee on Equal Moral Standard.
Report of the Committee on Care of the Mentally Defective.
Minutes.

MONDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1919.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.30 P.M.

Report of the Special Committee on Soldiers' Departments.
Report of the Committee on Organization of Woman Labour.
Address on Fire Protection by J. Grove Smith, Esq.
Address on National War Savings Campaign, Hon. Geo. A. Bell.
Report of the Committee on Agriculture.
Report of the Committee on Taxation.

Resolution moved on behalf of the Single Tax Association.

Seconded by.....

"Whereas, the enormous National Debt caused by the war calls for greatly increased revenue, and

"Whereas, industry is already overburdened with taxation, and

"Whereas, the greater part of Canada is held out of use for speculation.

"Be it resolved, that the National Council of Women of Canada favour releasing Industry from taxation and raising all revenue by collecting the annual rental value of land, thus simplifying all Reconstruction problems, such as Housing problem, the Pension problem, and all problems that divide Capital, and Labour and tend to overthrow free Institutions.

"Be it further resolved, that the National Council of Women of Canada commend the proposal of the Federal Government to raise \$100,000,000 by taxing land values, and

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Minister of Finance."

Minutes.

MONDAY EVENING.

Reception given by the Premier and the Members of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24th, 1919.

9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.—Devotional Meeting in Committee Room.

10 a.m.—Morning Session.

Silent Prayer.

Correspondence.

Resolution moved on behalf of Winnipeg Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, that the Winnipeg Local Council appreciating the benefits which have come to the women workers in the industry throughout the Province, by the work of the Minimum Wage Board of Manitoba, suggest to the National Council of Women that it should, at the forthcoming Annual Meeting, urge upon the various provinces, not already having such boards, the desirability of working for the creation of a Minimum Wage Board for women in each Province."

Consideration of the matter of the use of the Union Label by H. W. Falconer, Esq., Moose Jaw, Sask.

Resolution moved on behalf of the Ontario Woman Citizens' Association.

Seconded by.....

"Be it resolved, that in the interests of good citizenship and for the furtherance of knowledge among all the peope of Canada, the National Council of Women of Canada urge upon the Parliament of Canada, that the election law of the Dominion of Canada require that outside of the Province of Quebec, no man or woman shall be entitled to vote unless he or she has an adequate speaking and reading knowledge of the English language and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada."

Resolution moved on behalf of Victoria Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Whereas, at the last Session of the Dominion Parliament a Govern- ment measure was passed, by which the women of Canada were made eligible to exercise the privilege of the ballot.

"And whereas, there has been no opportunity for the women of Canada to register since the passing of the measure."

"Therefore be it resolved, that a petition be sent to the Honourable, the Prime Minister of Canada, asking that the opportunity be given the women of Canada to register at an early date in order that they may be able to vote at the next Dominion Election."

Resolution moved on behalf of the Sackville Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, that the National Council pledge themselves both publicly and privately to discountenance the buying of votes and other illegal practice incident to Elections and further to emphasize the advisability of conducting elections on a business-like basis, and request a detailed finan- cial statement of the disposition of monies expended for legitimate Campaign expenses."

Resolution moved on behalf of the Ottawa Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, that the National Council of Women request censorship of Vaudeville Acts coming into Canada."

Report of the Committee on Peace and Arbitration.
Minutes.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24th, 1919.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.30 P.M.

Report of the Committee on Objectionable Printed Matter.

Resolution moved on behalf of the Ontario Woman Citizens' Association.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, that the National Council of Women request the Dominion Government to pass legislation making mothers co-guardians of their Children."

Resolution moved on behalf of Moose Jaw Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Whereas, we believe the matter of designing women's clothes is in the hands of Merchants and Manufacturers who produce and deal in these lines of goods, and also that it is used solely in the interests of trade,

"And whereas, women find themselves obliged to conform to custom, and are thus unfortunately subject to the exploitation of those whose interests prompt them to take advantage of such a situation.

"And whereas, changes in fashion are of unnecessary frequency,

"And whereas, fashions are often thrust upon the public, which seem to be more concerned with effecting sales than with regard to delicacy and good taste,

"Therefore be it resolved, that the N. C. W. of Canada do consider the question of Women's dress, with a view to enabling women to exercise more influence in determining what they are to wear and the fashioning thereof."

Resolution moved on behalf of Virden Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, that the attention of Mothers and Guardians be drawn to the fact that the present extreme styles in dress are not only detrimental to the health of our young people, but are a distinct menace to the morals of both sexes."

Resolution moved on behalf of the Welland Local Council.

Seconded by.....

"Resolved, that we recommend to the business management of all our factories where girls are employed, to legislate *re* the extreme style of dress where it interferes with the health of our girls and is a menace to the morals of both sexes."

Report of the Committee on Supervised Playgrounds.

Resolution moved on behalf of the Canadian Suffrage Association.

Seconded by.....

"Whereas, it is an important part of Reconstruction that all citizens should have equality of opportunity and particularly that our laws should not discriminate against children.

"Resolved, that the Federal Parliament be urged to remove all legal disabilities from the children of unmarried parents."

Place of the next Annual Meeting.

Other business that may arise.

Resolution of thanks.

Minutes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, 1919.

MORNING SESSION, 10 A.M.

Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Ed. Cross
F. dy Gibson
Fred Taylor

Smith
Derrick
Hamilton
Perrett

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