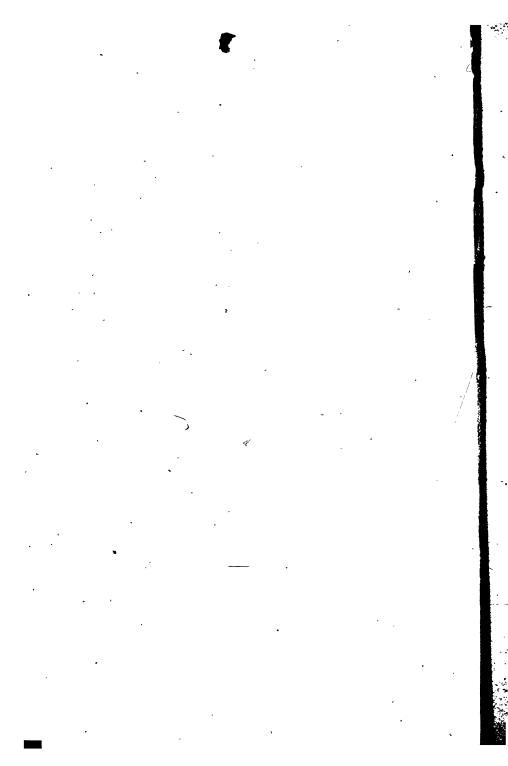
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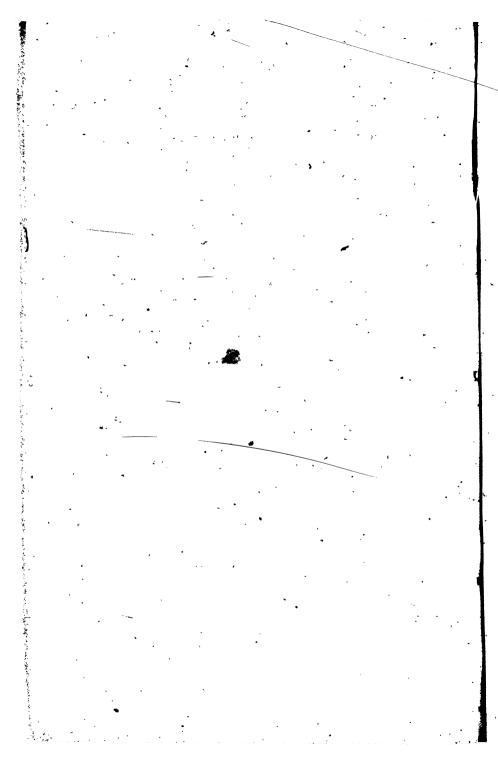
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## MONTREAL WOMEN'S CLUB.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1893-94.**

#### DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS.

#### ART AND LITERATURE:

Mrs. W. T. Cumming, Mrs. A. McKim, Miss Cosfigan.

#### HOME AND EDUCATION:

MISS G. HUNTER, B.A., MISS A. SMITH, MISS E. LOVELL.

#### SOCIAL SCIENCE:

Mrs. R. C. Adams, Mrs. R. G. Brown, Mrs. Jas. Shearer.

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#### REPORT OF THE

## MONTREAL WOMEN'S CLUB,

FOR 1893-94.

Our Club is now about to close the second year of its existence, and notwithstanding our youthfulness as a society, I think we shall find, even in such a necessarily limited retrospect as an annual report, that we need not apologize either for the quality or the quantity of the work we have Neither need we enter upon any defence of our raison d'être, for when we remember the limited opportunities afforded to women in Montreal it will surely be clear to every intelligent person that it was indeed time for women to study and discuss questions relating not alone to their welfare as a sex, but questions whose solution has a direct bearing on the well-being of humanity. When we remember that women have no seat on the school boards, nor hospital boards; that they are directly excluded from the Faculty of Medicine of our chief University; that our General Hospital and the Royal Victoria have refused to admit women medical students to their bedside clinics, and that even now, as has been lately declared by the Dean of the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, the only place where women can obtain a medical education in this Province, a scheme is on foot to cause its downfall; that it is now sought to establish as a precedent that no woman, however unquestioned her qualifications, need apply for the post of principal in a mixed school; that the School of Art and Design of this city, an institution supported by the Government, refuses to women students the

tuition that it freely gives to men; when we remember these disobilities, and many others that I have not space to mention, and consider that they are the result of ignorance and intolerance, we surely are doing right in casting light into such dark places, so that the on-coming of the clear day of knowledge and sympathy, may be hastened, and that we may be found, like the wise virgins, in readiness for the high opportunities that have been won for us. For these objects our Club has been formed, and looking back we find ourselves in a prosperous condition. membership has increased, and our enthusiasm has suffered no diminution. So far our existence as a Club may have been more or less experimental, but we now feel ourselves on a firm basis and may look forward to a long and extended career of usefulness, not dreading even a little adversity. for that puts us on our mettle, develops our loyalty, exposes our weaknesses that we may strengthen them, and better equips us for our important work. As to our internal working, I need not refer to the department work, as vou have already heard their reports. Apart from those already mentioned we have had two courses of three lectures each. The subjects of the first course were: "Co-operative Housekeeping," by Mr. Roswell Fisher; "Hogarth," by Mr. Karl Boissevain, and " London in the 18th Century," by Mr. W. N. Evans. These lectures were of the most interesting character and were not only entertaining in the best sense but highly instructive. The three lectures of the second course were given by Percy C. Ryan B.C. L. and related to the "Legal Status of Women, in this Province of Quebec." Too much praise could not be given to this course which displayed not only exceptional ability, legal and otherwise, but also a sympathy and a practical generosity that were appreciated by the members. One of the practical questions

taken up by the Club, was the lunch arrangement at the Girls' High School. Our efforts in this direction were successful it being now possible for the children to obtain a nutritious lunch in the building. Furthermore the school authorities have shown a most gratifying readiness now that attention has been drawn to the serious nature of the question to thoroughly look into the matter and have submitted it to medical experts who reported strongly against the system in use for so many years and it is probable that another school year will see the evil entirely done away, which reform will be the result of our efforts in drawing attention to its necessity. Another practical matter that engaged our attention was the Quebec law as relating It has been resolved to petition the powers that be to appoint a Woman Inspector. It is gratifying to see in this connection that the National Council of Women of Canada has taken up this same question and we are glod to find our efforts in this direction so ably supplemented. Other public matters that engaged our attention were a petition to the Royal Victoria Hospital, which was eloquent. ly supported in person by His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, asking that women medical students be admitted to its clinics, but which the hospital authorities found themselves unable to grant; and a petition to be presented to the School of Art and Design which it is hoped will be favorably received.

This year the Club federated with the M. L. C. of the National C. of Women of Canada and a fact which shows the position held by our Club in public opinon is worthy of note; viz, that of six delegates, selected from the M. L. Council which represents 32 federated societies to attend the Conference held at Ottawa, this last month (April) two delegates were respectively the President and Secretary of

the Montreal Women's Club. We have during the year subscribed to the Volunteer Electoral League, an organization for the purifying of our civic politics, and our sympathy was very cordially received by that body.

Our internal management has greatly increased its usefulness by striking three new committees, Rooms, Social and Library. Under the first the club-room has been furnished and the nucleus of a library has been formed.

During the visit of Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen in December, 1893, the Club tendered a reception which took place on the second of that month. This proved most enjoyable and Her Excellency charmed the members by her cordial sympathy and her gracious interest in their work.

A very successful Greek tea was given during the Winter by the Social Committee which not only demonstrated their ability in this direction, but replenished the treasury and proved the most delightful function of the season.

Financially our affairs are in a flourishing condition as the end of the year will find a surplus in the Bank.

The membership has increased steadily; from 34 members on December 16th, 1892, we have increased in 17 months to 76. We have lost one member by death. This, Madam President, closes the record of work that on unsolicited personal testimony has been stimulating in the best sense to many in need of a bracing, uplifting influence, and that must be encouraging to all who wish to see things as they are, that they may hasten the day of a better understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITA MACNAUGHTON,
Recording Secretary.

## MONTREAL WOMEN'S CLUB.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITEE, 1894-95.**

President, Mrs. Robert Reid.
First Vice-President, Mrs. John Lovell.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. T. Costigan.
Recording Secretary, MRS. W. G. MACNAUGHTON.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Sinton.
Treasurer, Mrs. R. D. McGibbon.

#### DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS.

#### ART AND LITERATURE:

Mrs. Cumming, Chairman. Miss Eglauch, Secy.
Mrs. Walter Townshend.

#### HOME AND EDUCATION:

MISS HUNTER, Chairman. MRS. J. Shearer, Secy.
MRS. W. N. EVANS.

#### SOCIAL SCIENCE:

Mrs. Stroud, Chairman. Mrs. R. C. Adams, Secy. Mrs. Freeland.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Chairman, Mrs. Anson McKim.

Mrs. J. S. Bullick, Mrs. R. G. Brown,

Mrs. R. M. Liddell,

Miss Linton, Miss Smith, Miss Lyall.

#### ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Chairman, Mrs. Allan Parsons.

Mrsl J. Liddell, Mrs. A. Grafton, Mrs. S. Munn,

Mrs. J. Black, Miss Saxe.

Miss Warren.

#### MUSICAL COMMITTEE:

Chairman, . . . . Miss Costigan.

Mrs. C. F. Haves, Miss H. R. Y. Reid.

#### HONORARY COUNSEL:

R. D. McGibbon, Q. C.

Percy C. Ryan, B.A., B.C.L.

The following programme was carried out by the different departments.

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#### PROGRAMME.

HOME AND EDUCATION.—OCTOBER.

The Relation between the Home and School DEBATE. Dr. Grace Ritchie, Miss G. Hunter.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.—NOVEMBER.

Women as Wage-Earners, 2 papers . . Miss C. Derick. Worker's point of view.

Employer's point of view.

ART AND LITERATURE. - DECEMBER.

Painting and Drawing, . Paper. . . Miss E. Warren.

HOME AND EDUCATION.-JANUARY.

Kindergarten, . . . Paper . . . Miss M. Bazin.

SOCIAL SCIENCE. - FEBRUARY.

Reforms in Physical Culture. Illustrated Discussion . . . Miss Barnjum. by Pupits.

ART AND LITERATURE. - MARCH.

George Eliot, . . 3 Papers. Mrs. W. G. Macnaughton Mrs. R. C. Adams. Miss Eglauch.

HOME AND EDUCATION.-APRIL.

Manual Training, . . Paper . . . Miss Phillips.

#### SOCIAL SCIENCE. - MAY.

Present Condition of Women in the Learned Professions.

Paper.

| Dr. Grace Ritchie, Miss H. R. Y. Reid, Miss G. Hunter, Mrs. W. N. Evans.

This being the first printed report of the Club, it is necessary to describe briefly the circumstances preceding and subsequent to its formal organization so as to complete the printed record of the Club's history.

On December 7th, 1892, a number of ladies at Mrs. Robert Reid's invitation met at her residence to hear addresses from Mrs. Celia P. Woolley, of Chicago, and Mrs. Julia Plato Harvey, Vice-President of the Chicago Women's These two ladies had just completed a tour through the United States, delivering a series of addresses to some of the most prominent Women's Clubs. On Mrs. Reid's invitation they came to Montreal to speak on the subject of Women's Clubs. After a most interesting address on the organization and work of such societies, an informal discussion on the desirability of forming one in Montreal took place, and as there seemed to be a general feeling in favour thereof, a committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. R. Reid, Mrs. R. C. Adams, Mrs. Costigan, Mrs. Macnaughton and Miss Hunter, to arrange matters for a public meeting which was held in the Fraser Institute, on Friday, December 16th, 1892. It was then unanimously decided that a Club be formed, the object being to promote agreeable and useful relations among women of artistic, literary, scientific and philantrophic tastes. After discussion the name was decided on as the Montreal Women's Club and the work was arranged to be be done in the following departments Home and Education, Art and Literature, and Social Science.

A provisional constitution was presented and discussed and the following executive was provisionally elected. President, Mrs. Robert Reid; First Vice-President, Mrs. Sinton; Treasurer, Mrs. R. D. McGibbon; Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Macnaughton. This with the addition of Mrs John Lovell as Second Vice-President became the permanent executive for the year.

At this organization meeting thirty-four ladies signed the membership roll.

## SYNOPSIS OF

## Report of Montreal Women's Club

FOR SEASON 1892-93.

The Club having only been organized in December, 1892, there is not a great deal to report for the season. Much time was taken up in evolving a workable constitution and preparing the programme for the remainder of the year.

The Home and Education Department presented the following subjects for discussion, "Do our schools and colleges offer the best possible advantages to women?" by Miss G. Hunter, and "Some aspects of our education in the fine arts," by Mrs. Clarke Murray. The Social Science Department gave a paper by Mrs. R. C. Adams on "Self-Supporting Women" and the Art and Literature department gave essays on the following subjects "Whittier by Mrs. McKim," George William Curtis by Mrs. J. Lovell and "The Philosophy of Tennyson" by the Rev. W. S. Barnes.

A lecture on "Woman's legal position in the Province of Quebec" was given by Mr.W. J. White B. C. L., during the year.

The club was incorporated April 4th, 1893, Mr. W. D. Lighthall having carried through the necessary legal formalities gratuitously; petitions were presented to the Western Hospital asking the appointment of a lady, Dr. Grace Ritchie, on the out-door staff and to the Legislature and the Montreal Council, asking for the appointment of women on the Board of School Commissioners. At the annual meeting the following executive was elected for 1893-94:

Mrs. R. Reid, President; Mrs. J. Lovell and Mrs. W. T. Costigan, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. W. G. Macnaughton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. C. Sinton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. D. McGibbon, Treasurer.

Directors of Home and Education—Miss G. Hunter, Miss A. Smith, Miss E. Lovell.

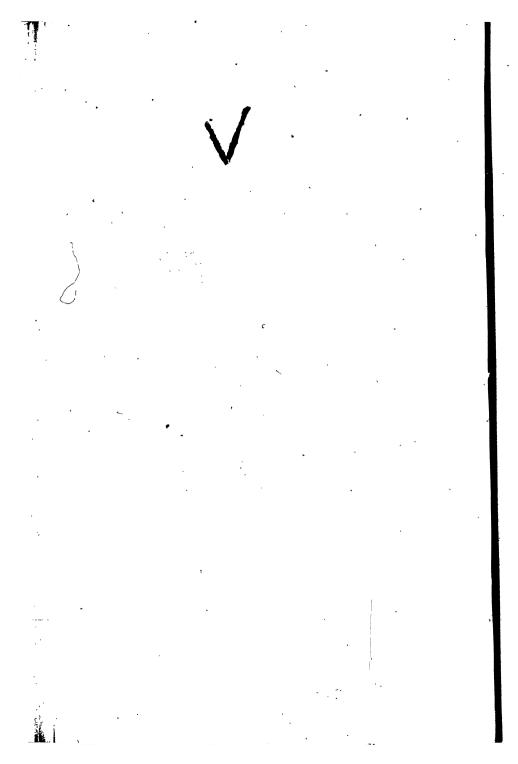
Directors of Social Science—Mrs. R. C. Adams, Mrs. R. G. Brown, Mrs. James Shearer.

Directors of Art and Literature—Mrs. W. T. Cumming, Mrs. McKim, Miss Costigan.

The last meeting of the season, held on May 26th, 1893, was of a social nature

MARGUERITA MACNAUGHTON,

Recording Secretary.



## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

#### NAME.

1. The name of this organization shall be the Montreal Women's Club.

#### OBJECTS.

- 2. The objects shall be mutual sympathy and counsel, and general literary and philanthropic work.
- 3. This Club shall be divided into three departments, representing the different lines of work. namely Home and Education, Social Science, Art and Literature.

#### OFFICERS.

- 4. The officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
- 5. These officers, with three directors nominated by each Department and elected by the Club, shall constitute the Board of Management.
  - 6. The majority of votes cast shall be required to elect.
    - 7. One of the Directors shall be designated Chairman.
- 8. These officers shall be elected by the Club at each annual meeting.

## BY-LAWS.

#### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Managers. In case of her absence these duties shall be performed by the Vice-Presidents in the order of their election.

#### SECRETARIES.

- 2. The Recording Secretary shall take careful notes of each meeting and report the same at subsequent meetings. She shall also prepare a memorandum of unfinished business for the use of the President.
- 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall send out all notices of mettings and conduct the correspondence of the Club, keeping the same on file.

#### TREASURER.

4. The Treasurer shall be the custodion of the funds of the club, which she shall pay out only upon the order of the Board of Managers. She shall take and file vouchers for all disbursements of money, and shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures. A monthly statement shall be required by the Board, and full report of the finances of the Club, at the annual meeting, the correctness of which must be attested.

#### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

5. The Board of Management shall transact all routine business of the Club, fill all vacancies in its own body. They shall at their first meeting and annually thereafter appoint all standing committees. The Chairman shall attend all stated meetings of her Department, arrange and provide for the work of such meeting and be responsible for the fulfillment of the programme for the day. She shall, if required, report the work of her committee at the monthly meetings of the Directors, and shall report the work for the year at the annual meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP.

1. A candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by two members of the Club who are personally

acquainted with her. Such candidate must be proposed at a regular meeting of the Board. A vote cast by two-thirds of the Board shall elect.

- 2. A candidate shall accept membership within three months of her notification, or such election shall be declared void. A membership thus forfeited or a name rejected shall not be reconsidered during the official term of that Board of Management.
- 3. An initation fee of \$3.00 shall be paid upon acceptance of member hip, and thereafter an annual fee of same. All rights of membership shall be forfeited until such dues be paid. Membership thus forfeited may be restored by unanimous consent of the Board of Management and the payment of back dues.

Four additional By-Laws were added by the Directors at a recent meeting of their Board, and adopted by the Club at its Annual Meeting, held in Y. M. C. A. Building on May 14th.

4. If the conduct of any member of the Club, either in or out of the Club-room, be or have been such as to endanger the character, good order, or welfare of the Club, or be or have been prejudicial to its interests, the Board of Management may on its own resolution, and shall at the written requisition of fifteen members of the Club, call a special meeting of the Board of Management to consider the question of censuring, expelling or suspending such member. At least six days' notice in writing shall be given each member of the Board of such special meeting, and the notice must specify the business to be transacted. Six days' notice of the meeting must also be given, by registered letter, to the member whose conduct is in question, and such member shall have the right to submit a written answer to the charge which must be mailed, registered, to the Corresponding Secretary. At such meetings at least ten members of the Board of Management must be personally present, and the resolution of censure, expulsion or suspension may be passed if at least two-thirds of those present vote in favour of the same. The Board may by a vote of a majority of those present decide to hear the member whose conduct is questioned, and may by a majority vote adjourn such special meeting from day to day-no further notice being necessary. Any member censured, expelled or suspended as aforesaid shall be immediately furnished, by registered letter, with a ccpy of such resolution, and such member may at any time, within two weeks after such notice has been forwarded to her, appeal from such decision to a special general meeting of the Club. Six days' notice in writing must be given to each member of such meeting, and the notice must specify the object of the same, twenty-five members shall form a quorum at such meeting and the decision of three-fifths of those present shall be final.

- 5. All votes shall be by ballot, and in the event of a tie the Chairman shall have an additional or casting vote.
- 6. No report of the proceedings of the Club shall appear in print without official permission. Members will be held responsible for the observance of this rule by their guests.

## MEETINGS.

- 1. The annual business meeting shall be called by individual notification.
- 2. Three shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Management and five the Club. Regular meetings shall be

called on the second and fourth Monday of each month during the Club year of eight months, from October to May inclusive, at 3.30 o'clock.

- 3. The Board of Managers shall hold regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month of the Club year, and also on the Saturday preceding the first meeting in October.
- 4. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the Board of Managers by individual notification. Special meetings of the Board may be called in writing by the President or Secretary at the request of two or more of the Directors.
- 5. At all special meetings no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was called, which business shall be clearly stated in the call for meeting.
- 6. The Annual Meeting shall be held the second Monday in May.

## AMENDMENTS.

- 1. The Constitution and By-laws may be amended at an annual or special meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the amendments having been proposed and approved at a previous meeting of the Board of Directors and a copy thereof appended to the call of meeting.
- 2. The deliberations of all meetings of the Club shall be governed by "The Women's Manual of Parliamentary Law," Harriette R. Shattuck.

#### PROGRAMME.

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Equity Knows no Sex, -

Mrs. J. Shearer.

Mrs. W. T. Costigan.

### LIST OF MEMBERS.

Adams, Mrs. R. C.

Baker, Mrs. M. C.

Black, Mrs. Jno.

Bullick, Mrs. J. S.

Binmore, Miss E. (M.A.)

Barnes, Mrs. W. S.

Costigan, Mrs. W. T.

Cumming, Mrs. W. T.

Derick, Miss C. M. (B.A.) Dodsworth, Miss A.

Eglauch, Miss.

Fraser, Miss C. A.

Francis, Miss E.

Francis, Miss G.

Grant, Mrs.

Hunter, Miss.

Hunter, Miss G. (B.A.)

Kyle, Mrs. A.

Lewis, Mrs. Jno. Lovell, Mrs. Jno.

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Lovell, Miss E.

Barnjum, Miss.

Bishop, Miss D.

Brown, Mrs. R. G.

Brett, Mrs. W.

Cains, Mrs.

Costigan, Miss.

Dobbin, Mrs. C. H.

Drummond, Mrs. T. G.

Evans, Mrs. W. N.

Francis, Miss E. S.

Freeland, Mrs.

Grafton, Mrs. A. R.

Hicks, Miss.

Hayes, Mrs.

Kolmyer, Mrs.

Lyall, Miss J.

Linton, Miss.

Liddell, Mrs. J. H.

Liddell, Mrs. R. M.

May, Miss A. M. McKim, Mrs. Anson. Macnaughton, Mrs. W. G. McGibbon, Mrs. R. D.

McLaren, Mrs. Andrew. Mathewson, Miss.

O'Connor, Mrs. E. G.

Parsons, Mrs. Allan.

Reid, Mrs. Robt. Reid, Miss H. R. Y. (B.A.) Robertson, Mrs. Jas. Ryan, Mrs. Carroll. Ritchie, Dr. Grace.

Stroud, Mrs. H. Wallace. Sinton, Mrs. J C. Shearer, Mrs. J. S. Southwell, Mrs.

Thrower, Mrs. Page. Trotter, Mrs. Jno.

Warren, Miss E. Wand, Miss. Wand, Miss E.

Munn, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. Geo. McLea, Miss. Mitchell, Dr. Elizabeth.

Phillips, Miss.

Reynolds, Miss May. Reid, Mrs. J. K. Reid, Mrs. Jas.

Symister, Mrs. Smith, Miss A. Saxe, Miss F.

Townsend, Mrs. W.

Williams, Mrs. C. T. Westgate, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. F. F.

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