

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Local Council of Women
of Toronto

WITH AN APPENDIX CONTAINING THE

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR; THE CONSTITUTION AND
STANDING ORDERS OF THE TORONTO LOCAL
COUNCIL, WITH A LIST OF THE SOCIETIES
FEDERATED IN THE SAME.

JUNE, 1895.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA,

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MRS. ALEXANDER CAMERON.

Annual Patrons.

MRS. JOHN CAWTHRA.

MRS. GEORGE KERR.

MRS. IDA TAYLOR SCALES.

LADY SMITH.

MRS. COAD.

MRS. GIBSON.

MISS CARTY.

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MRS. GRANT MACDONALD, 329 College Street.

Elected Vice-Presidents.

MRS. GEO. HODGINS, 92 Pembroke Street.

MRS. DICKSON, Upper Canada College.

LADY SMITH, Bloor Street East.

MRS. CAMERON, 72 Carlton Street.

MRS. GIBSON, 94 St Joseph Street.

Recording Secretary.

MRS. DIGNAM.

Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. GEO. KERR, 42 Charles Street.

Treasurer.

MRS. IDA TAYLOR SCALES, 54 Wellington Place.

TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1894-'95.

President—MRS. GRANT MACDONALD.

Vice-Presidents-at-Large—MRS. HODGINS, MRS. FORSYTH GRANT,
MRS. GEORGE KERR.

Ex-officio Vice-Presidents. (Presidents of Federated Societies.)

MRS. RIDOUT.....	President	Infants' Home Infirmary.
MRS. DIGNAM.....	"	Woman's Art Association of Canada.
MISS HILLOCK.....	"	Women's Literary Society, Toronto University.
MRS. GIBSON.....	"	Hillcrest Convalescent Home.
MRS. COAD.....	"	Toronto City Union of King's Daughters & Sons
MRS. S. G. WOOD....	"	Toronto Humane Society.
MISS CAYLEY.....	"	Central Council Ministering Children's League.
MRS. A. D. BENJAMIN.	"	Moses Montifiore Benevolent Society.
LADY GZOWSKI.....	"	Boys' Home.
MRS. MORRISON.....	"	Toronto Relief Society.
MISS CASH.....	"	Working Women's Protective Society.
DR. LELIA DAVIS.....	"	Socialists' League.
MRS. JEFFERY.....	"	Young Women's Christian Association.
MRS. FOSTER.....	"	Women's Christian Temperance Union.
DR. STOWE-GULLEN..	"	Woman's Enfranchisement Association.
MRS. BARNETT.....	"	Toronto Industrial Rooms.
MRS. WILLIAMSON....	"	Church of Eng. Women's Auxiliary to Missions.
MRS. ED. LEIGH.....	"	Protestants Orphans' Home.
MRS. WILLIAMS.....	"	Woman's Methodist Mission.
MISS LAINE.....	"	Primary Sunday School Teacher' Union.
MISS FOY.....	"	St. Michael's Aid Society.
MRS. SCOTT.....	"	Girls' Home.
MRS. HARVIE.....	"	Young Women's Christian Guild.
MISS C. LAWSON.....	"	Froebel Society.
MRS. KAVANAGH.....	"	Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society.
MRS. BRODIE.....	"	Nursing at Home Mission.
MRS. ADA M. HUGHES	"	Toronto Women's Board of Birkbeck Loan Co.
MRS. M. MENZIES....	"	St. Cyprian's Branch of Church of England Woman's Auxiliary to Missions.

Recording Secretary—MRS. DIGNAM, 250 Rusholme Road.

Corresponding Secretary—MISS EMILY MITCHEL, 177 John Street.

Treasurer—MRS. SCALES, 54 Wellington Place.

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TORONTO, JUNE 12th, 1895.

LADIES :

The Executive has great pleasure in submitting the Second Annual Report of the Toronto Local Council of Women.

REPORT OF THE TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the year was that of the Executive held in St. George's Hall, on October 8th, 1894, at 2.30 p.m. ; there were fifteen members present. Miss Cartwright, the Corresponding Secretary, having retired from office the appointment of her successor was placed before the Executive for consideration.

It was decided that the reports of Federated Societies should be taken in groups at the public meetings during the year, such reports to be condensed and presented by the Corresponding Secretary.

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING of the year was held on October 8th, in St. George's Hall, at 3 p.m. there being a good attendance of delegates and members of Federated Societies. Mrs. Forsyth Grant was elected Vice-President-at-Large.

The committees *re* Factory Inspectors, Police Matrons, and Manual Training in the Public Schools reported work carried on during the summer. A very able paper on Manual Training, by Mrs. Hodgins, was read.

The Recording Secretary gave a condensed report of the work and aims of the Societies in the Council, classified under the head of Philanthropy. A committee was appointed to draw up a petition to

TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL OF

the Mayor and City Council asking that grants to Hospitals and Charitable Institutions of the city be not withdrawn from them this year.

It having been found necessary in the interest of the Council that the Executive should meet more frequently, the first Monday of each month from September to July was fixed upon for Executive Meetings.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING was held in the theatre of the Normal School, February 4th, 1895, at 8 p.m., reports of officers were presented, and Mrs. Geo. Kerr, was elected Vice-President-at-Large.

The various committees reported that they were ready to present their petitions when the Legislature should meet, for amendments to the Acts affecting the introduction of Manual Training into the schools, the appointment of Female Factory Inspectors and of Police Matrons,

The reports of societies classified under the head of Religious Societies were given.

The consideration of resolutions and papers to be prepared for the Annual Meeting of the National Council which had been submitted to the previous Executive meetings occupied the remainder of the time, also the three successive Executive meetings and two special meetings of the Council were taken up with the questions which were to be discussed at the annual meeting of the National Council, and in giving definite instructions to delegates as to voting upon said questions.

There have been held during the year, two regular meetings, nine Executive meetings, and two special public meetings. The June meeting being the annual meeting, for the election of officers.

During the past year twenty-seven organizations have been in federation with this Council. The St. Michael's Aid Society disbanded in the spring of 1894. The Socialist League disbanded in early spring of 1895. The Toronto Branch of the Woman's Methodist Missionary Society withdrew at the end of the first year of its connection with the council.

Much earnest thoughtful work has been done in this Council during the past year, which has without doubt brought about greater determination, to purposeful effort for the coming year, to which we look forward with hope and faith.

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We are indebted to the Minister of Education, Hon. Geo. Ross, for his courtesy in placing rooms at our disposal in the Normal School for all meetings, also to the City press for its reports of the work of the Council throughout the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. E. DIGNAM,
Recording Secretary, L.C.T.

TORONTO, JUNE 10TH, 1895.

TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL OF

FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO JUNE 4TH. 1894-1895.

RECEIPTS,

	Cash in Hand.....	\$25 02
June 19	St. Michael Aid Society	2 00
Oct. 8	W.C.T.U. Association.....	2 00
" 18	Woman's Art Association.....	2 00
" 18	City Union King's Daughters	2 00
Nov. 5	Young Ladies' Catholic Literary Society	2 00
Feb. 4	Young Ladies' Literary University	2 00
" 23	Local Woman's Enfranchisement Association	2 00
May 13	Humane Society	2 00
"	Working Women's Protective Society.....	85
"	Collection on Plate at Door.....	2 00
"	The Birkbeck Loan Co.	2 00
	PATRONS' FEES.—	
	Miss Cawthra	5 00
	Mrs. George Kerr	5 00
	Mrs. Coad.....	5 00
	Mrs. J. W. Scales	5 00
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EXPENDITURE.

July 7	Timms' for Printing Reports.....	\$17 50
	Postage to Recording Secretary	9 00
	Corresponding Secretary	2 02
	President	3 42
	Treasurer	50
	Expenses of Meetings.....	2 50
	St. George's Hall.....	1 50
	Caretaker	50
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	Fee to National Council	5 00
	Printing (Timms & Co.) Cards etc., for the year	7 50
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LIST OF FEDERATED SOCIETIES

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Philanthropic—

- Infants' Home.
- Orphans' Home.
- Boys' Home.
- Convalescent Home.
- Humane Society.
- Moses Montifiore Society.
- The Nursing-at-Home Mission.

Literature and Art—

- Woman's Art Association.
- Woman's Literary Society of Toronto University.
- Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society.
- Froebel Society.

Religious—

- Ministering Children's League.
- Church of England, Woman's Auxiliary to Missions.
- Primary Sunday School Teachers' Union.
- Young Woman's Christian Association.
- Young Woman's Christian Guild.
- St. Michael's Aid Society.
- Women's Christian Temperance Union.
- Toronto Union of King's Daughters and Sons.
- St. Cyprian's Mission Workers.

Industrial and Social Reform—

- Toronto Relief Society.
- Industrial Rooms Association.
- Socialist's League.
- Woman's Enfranchisement Association.
- Working Woman's Protective Association.
- Toronto Woman's Board of Birkbeck Loan Co.

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF

The Toronto Local Council of Women

HELD IN

THE THEATRE OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL,

JUNE 10th, 1895

Executive meeting, 2 p.m. ; public meeting, 2.30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the President in the chair, and the session began with Silent Prayer followed audibly by the Lord's Prayer. The President in her opening remarks referred to the work done by the Council during the year, and to the Annual Meeting of the National Council, which had just taken place with such satisfactory results.

The reports of the Secretaries and Treasurer were read and adopted.

Mrs. McDonnell of Sunnyside, reported on behalf of the committee appointed to draw up a petition to the City Council *re* the appointment of a Female Inspector for places other than factories, and presented the petition for signatures. This petition was authorized by the Council.

It was decided that the By-Laws should be revised, and that such revision be left to the Executive Committee.

The report for the year of the Woman's Art Association of Canada was given by Mrs. Geo. C. Campbell.

Dr. Stowe-Gullen, reported for the Woman's Enfranchisement Association.

Dr. Amelia Johnston, read a report of the Birkbeck Loan Co.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected from the nominations made by the Executive.

A vote of thanks was given to Miss Mitchell, the retiring corresponding secretary for her kindness in accepting the office, made vacant by Miss Cartwright, for the remainder of the year.

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Miss Helen Grant Macdonald, was appointed auditor for the ensuing year.

The Council acknowledged by a vote of thanks to the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, his courtesy during the past year, in granting the use of the Normal School.

The officers of the Council were authorized to appoint committees to enquire into the insufficient laws, affecting the protection of women and children as laid before the Executive of the National Council by Inspector Archibald, and to consider the resolution referred back to the Local Councils, from the National Council, touching upon shorter hours for women and girls employed in factories.

Respectfully submitted.

M. E. DIGNAM,
Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

MAY 2nd, 1895.

The Toronto Local Council has much pleasure in presenting its report for the past year to this, the Second Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada; and the members of this Local Council venture to indulge the hope that the work undertaken and forwarded by them will prove of permanent benefit to the community.

There are at present twenty-five societies federated in the Local Council, representing Religion, Education, Art, Social Reform, Philanthropy and Finance. Two have withdrawn since last report, but four have been added, thus giving an advance of two upon last year's numbers.

At the First Annual Meeting, held on the 4th of June, 1894, after the election of officers and the ordinary routine business, the resolutions touching Police Matrons, Female Factory Inspectors, and Manual Training in Public Schools—recommended for consideration by the National Council at their meeting in Ottawa—were considered, and Committees appointed to take action thereon. With regard to the first of these (Police Matrons), the Committee, by the kind permission of the Police Magistrate and Chief of Police, were enabled to make careful personal investigation into the condition of the police cells generally in the city, and more particularly into the provision made for the accommodation of women, girls, and children. From what they saw they were satisfied that so far as the present buildings permit, every effort is made to keep the various classes apart from one another. Girls being separated from old offenders, and children placed in the Matron's room, and that every reasonable care is given to women brought in in a helpless condition. The one Police Matron now on duty here seems to be sufficient for present needs, but the Local Council is prepared to ask for the appointment of a second, as soon as the number of arrests makes such a necessity.

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In the matter of Female Factory Inspectors, that Committee also made personal investigation, visiting several factories where women and girls were employed, and gathering information from outside sources, with the result that the City Council was requested to memorialize the Provincial Government on the subject, asking that the Factory Act be so amended as to permit the appointment of Women Inspectors. At the recent session of the Provincial Legislature this amendment was made, and now, so far as Ontario is concerned, the wish of the National Council of Women has become law.

The matter of Manual Training in Public Schools was taken up with the enthusiasm which the subject nearly always arouses in thoughtful and unprejudiced minds, but strange to say it gave more trouble than either of the others, and stranger still, the strongest opposition to it came from sources quite unexpected, namely, the industrial classes themselves. Happily, however, when the matter was brought up by the Minister of Education during the late session of the Provincial Legislature, the unprejudiced sense of the House was found to be in its favor, and Manual Training may now, at the discretion of School Boards, or Trustees, be introduced for the first four forms of the Public Schools of Ontario.

This is so decided a step in the right direction and so marked a concession to the generally expressed wishes of the women of the Province, that the Toronto Local Council feels a few words of acknowledgment and thanks are due to the lady from Hamilton who first brought the matter before the National Council of Women, and stimulated them into an action that has resulted in so happy an end; an end long struggled for by certain individual members of the Toronto School Board and by other broad minded, thoughtful men amongst us.

A slight amendment to the By-laws has enabled the Executive of the Toronto Local Council to hold more frequent meetings than were considered necessary during the first year of its existence; through these, all who are really interested in the work are kept in touch with it and with one another, and are enabled to present themselves at the full meetings of the Council with a clear understanding of all questions to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. GRANT MACDONALD,

President.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL
IN FEDERATION WITH THE
National Council of Women of Canada

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 Toronto in affiliation with the National Council of Women of Canada.

ARTICLE II.—POLICY.

The aim of this Local Council is to bring the various Associations of Women in Toronto 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. 1. Any organization of Women, the nature of whose work is satisfactory to the Executive Committee of a Local Council, may become members of said Local Council on following terms:—

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(a) On receipt of formal letter enclosing federation fee, and copy of resolution passed at meeting of said organization and of a copy of the constitution adopted, or of the rules of the organization.

(b) Approval of the Executive Committee of the Council expressed by resolution at a regular meeting held subsequent to that of which application was received.

SEC. 2. The women of any organization composed of both men and women may resolve themselves into a sub-division of said organization by their own vote and apply for federation in said Local Council.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Local Council shall consist of a President, two or more Elected Vice-Presidents, *ex officio* Vice-Presidents (Presidents of all Societies federating in the 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.

The President and Recording Secretary shall be *ex officio* members of all committees.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. This Local Council shall hold regular meetings for the election of officers and other business.

SEC. 2. The Committee of Arrangements shall consist of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3. At the Annual Meeting, each Society belonging to the Council shall have five 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 regular meetings, but may not vote.

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

SEC. 6. All new business to be brought before the Regular Meetings of this Local Council must first be submitted to the Executive Committee as notice of motion.

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ARTICLE VI.—FEES.

Each Society federating in this Local Council shall pay an annual fee of \$2.00 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 this Local Council upon the payment of \$5.00 annually, or \$50.00 at one time, and if a woman, may have all the privileges of a delegate.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds 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, and to each Society belonging to the Council at least one month prior to such meeting.

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STANDING ORDERS

AS REVISED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JUNE 21st 1895.

No. I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enter names in Roll Book.
2. Lord's Prayer in unison.
3. Minutes of last meeting.
4. President's remarks.
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurer's report.
7. Reports of Committee
8. Other business arising out of Minutes of last meeting.
9. Motions of which due notice have been given to Executive Meeting.
10. New business.

No. II.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The Local Council shall hold regular meetings on the first Monday of October, of February and June, and there shall be a meeting of the Executive Committee on the first Monday of every month, except July, August and September.

SEC. 2. The June meeting shall be the Annual Meeting for the election of officers, etc.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to change the date of meeting at any time that it may be deemed expedient in the interest of the Council.

SEC. 4. Each Society federated in the Council shall be entitled to five votes at the regular meetings in addition to that cast by the President. No delegate shall have more than one vote, though representing more than one Society.

SEC. 5. If any President or delegate should be unable to attend either Executive or Public Meetings the substitute appointed must be provided with written credentials of her power to vote.

SEC. 6. All other members of any Society belonging to the Council may be appointed to committees and have the privilege of participating in all discussions that may arise at the regular meetings, but not vote.

SEC. 7. All new business to be brought before a regular meeting of the Local Council must be submitted to the Executive Committee meeting of the preceding month as a notice of motion.

SEC. 8. Each Society federated in the Local Council shall present a five minutes report of its work, once during the year; notice of meeting at which report will be received shall be sent to the Secretary of that Society by the Corresponding Secretary of the Local Council one month before the meeting.

SEC. 9. The President shall have power to call meetings of the Council at her discretion, and a special meeting may be called at the written request of three representatives of different federating Societies.

SEC. 10. The Executive Committee shall have power to make arrangements for all meetings.

SEC. 11. For regular meetings of the Local Council one-fourth of the members shall constitute a quorum, except when otherwise arranged by special resolution. These meetings shall be opened to the public.

NO. III.—RESOLUTIONS.

All resolutions and motions shall be presented to the Secretary in writing.

NO. IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Local Council and conduct them by the prescribed "order of business."

SEC. 2. One of the elected Vice-Presidents, in the absence or disability of the President, shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President.

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SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall issue all notices of meetings, keep a correct record of meetings, of motions and resolutions, shall prepare an order of business for each meeting, and shall attend to all printing. She shall read the minutes at all regular meetings, and present a full report of the year's proceedings at Annual Meetings.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the Roll Book, shall conduct the correspondence of the Local Council and keep a correct list of all federating societies and their delegates, notifying the same of their federation. She shall present a full report at Regular and Annual Meetings.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive, collect, hold and receipt for all moneys of the Local Council, disbursing the same by order of the President, and shall render a complete report in writing at Regular and Annual Meeting.

NO. V. ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to nominate officers at the Annual Elections,

SEC. 2. If any officer be unable to complete her year, the Executive shall elect her substitute.

NO. VI. AMENDMENTS.

These Standing Orders may be amended at any one of the regular meetings of the Local Council by a two-third's vote of the members present, notice of proposed amendment having been given at a previous meeting.