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TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN,

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1894-'95.

President—MRS. GRANT MACDONALD.

Vice-President-at-Large—MRS. HODGINS.

Ex-officio Vice-Presidents :

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| MISS E. M. LAWSON.... | " | Women's Literary Society, Toronto University. |
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| MRS. SCALES..... | " | Women's Enfranchisement Association. |
| MRS. BARNETT..... | " | Toronto Industrial Rooms. |
| MRS. WILLIAMSON..... | " | Church of Eng. Women's Auxiliary to Missions. |
| MRS. VANKOUGHNEY..... | " | Protestant Orphans' Home. |
| MRS. WILLIAMS..... | " | Women's Methodist Mission Society. |
| MISS C. LAWSON..... | " | Primary Sunday School Teachers' Union. |
| MISS FOY..... | " | St. Michael's Aid Society. |
| MRS. SCOTT..... | " | Girls' Home. |
| MRS. HARVIE..... | " | Young Women's Christian Guild. |

Recording Secretary—MRS. DIGNAM, 250 Rusholme Road.

Corresponding Secretary—MISS CARTWRIGHT, 63 Avenue Road.

Treasurer—MRS. SCALES, 54 Wellington place.

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FIRST REPORT.

OF THE

Toronto Local Council of Women.

TORONTO, JUNE 4th, 1894.

Ladies :

The Executive have great pleasure in submitting the first annual report of the Toronto Local Council of Women.

REPORT OF TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL.

On November the second, just five days after the organization in Toronto of the National Council, two hundred (200) representative women from forty-nine (49) different societies, met and organized the Toronto Local Council, electing provisional officers until such time as four societies having federated, these elections should be confirmed or other officers be appointed.

A special meeting of the provisional Executive was at once called, at which it was decided to draw up a circular letter addressed to the various organizations of women in the city, inviting them to join the Council. After some discussion as to the future work of the Council. By-laws were formulated, which were submitted to the

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING held on December 11th, 1893. By this date, in response to letters of invitation, sixteen societies had federated in the Council and fifty-six of their elected representatives answered to the roll call. The final election of officers took place, and very interesting reports of the work and aims of a number of the federated societies were given.

One of the principal features of the session was an admirable address on "Thoroughness in Work," by a Toronto lady. The deep interest with which this paper was listened to, testified at once to the appropriateness of the subject, and to the able manner in which it was treated.

On February 19th Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, President of the National Council, addressed a public meeting for the Local Council in Toronto, the Mayor granting the use of the Pavilion for the occasion. Nearly three thousand (3,000) women were present. A list of twenty-three federated societies was read; after Her Excellency's address Dr. Lelia Davis gave a paper on the condition of the unemployed, when a resolution was moved to the following effect:—

That the Council should express their sympathy with the distress caused by lack of employment then existing in the city, and request the delegates to bring the matter before their several societies with a view of doing something toward ameliorating the condition of the unemployed.

It was also decided at this meeting to draw up a memorial to the Mayor and City Council requesting them to provide a temporary employment bureau, with a branch office in each of the city fire halls, where those needing work could register and be properly classified, and where employers could readily secure the service required.

As a result of this meeting, a wider interest in the Council has been aroused, the purport of its aims being much more clearly understood after Her Excellency's comprehensive address.

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the public meeting, the memorial concerning the establishment of a municipal registry office was framed and presented to His Worship the Mayor. As a consequence a civic employment bureau was opened at the city hall. The first morning 400 persons desiring work registered, including teachers, book-keepers, accountants, mechanics and domestic servants.

At the suggestion of the Local Council, a Committee was appointed to receive and use to the best advantage all contributions which should be made for the relief of the unemployed, both men and women, of Toronto.

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THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING was held on March 12th, in the Theatre of the Normal School. At a previous Executive Meeting the best plan of taking the Roll of Delegates was discussed, and it was decided that, in order to save time in future, all delegates should sign the Roll Book on entering the room in lieu of answering the Roll Call.

The letter and programme prepared by the National Council for the Annual Meeting in Ottawa, were read and adopted.

The Executive proposed to submit a notice of motion that the government be petitioned to appoint female factory inspectors, for works in which women are employed. This proposal was approved by the Council.

The Executive decided to submit a notice of motion regarding the appointment of Female Factory Inspectors, and to petition the Government to that effect, which the Council approved of.

A clause was added to the By-Laws, "That no delegate should have more than one vote, although representing more than one Society."

Interesting reports from a number of the federated Societies were read.

Mrs. Bronson, Vice-President of the Ottawa Council, was present and addressed the meeting regarding the approaching Annual Meeting in Ottawa of the National Council, business in connection with which largely took up the time and attention of the Second Quarterly Meeting. Delegates were elected, notices of motion were read, and writers of papers appointed.

Since the last Quarterly Meeting there have been three Executive Meetings, one on April 6th, to complete business relating to the Annual Meeting of the National Council, and another on May 21st, called to make arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Toronto Council. So few Societies were represented at the latter, however, that only such matters as required immediate attention were taken up, and it was decided to postpone the Nomination of Officers until June 4th, when the Executive met for this purpose at 2 p.m. in the Examiner's Room, Normal School, sixteen members being present. On taking the ballot it was found that the officers for the past year had been unanimously re-nominated, with

the exception of the Vice-President at Large, who had signified her desire to withdraw. Of the names suggested for this office only two having received more than three ballots each, it was decided to submit those only to the meeting for election.

A memorial from The Dominion Government Reform Association came before the Executive for immediate consideration. The purport of which was to ask: "That whereas The Ontario Reform Commissioners, in their report to the Lieutenant-Governor, in April, 1891, recommended the establishment by the Dominion Government of a Reformatory for Young Men—first offenders between the ages of 16 and 30,—The inauguration of the indeterminate sentence and parole system, the conferring upon the Provincial Government all necessary authority, as well as the providing for separate trial and separate custody of children under arrest,—~~The~~ Executive of the Council should signify its approval of the recommendations referred to, and its regret that as yet no practical effect had been given to the same." This memorial having been accepted, was signed by order of the Executive, and forwarded to the Governor General.

Up to the present time this Council has received in federations twenty-five of the city organizations, "The Heliconian Literary Society of Moulton College has withdrawn, and the Girl's Industrial Institute has amalgamated with the Young Women's Christian Association.

The interest in this co-operation of work, through the Toronto Local Council is growing steadily, and the prospect for the future is, that the harmony which has prevailed will continue until, through assimilation of different interests, and aims, we may have an energy, that will be earnest and united, in common effort, for the good of Humanity.

M. E. DIGNAM,

Rec. Secty. Toronto Local Council.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

—OF—

The Toronto Local Council of Women

HELD IN

THE THEATRE OF NORMAL SCHOOL,

JUNE 4th, 1894.

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

The meeting was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The President, in her opening address, expressed herself as pleased with the papers read at the Annual Meeting of the National Council, and with the highly creditable part which the delegates from this Council had taken in the discussions and the business of the meeting in general. She then referred to the business before the meeting regarding the resolutions returned from the National Council to this Council for action, and called upon Mrs. Geo. Kerr for a report of the National Council's Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Kerr said that it would be difficult to give an idea of the unqualified success and the enthusiastic interest that characterized all the sessions, and that Canadian women of different creeds, languages and interests were united for the first time with one common aim, under the leadership of that noble woman whom we all delight to honor. She referred to the hospitality of the Ottawa people, the entertainments at Government House, Her Excellency's opening address, Lady Ritchie's graceful words of welcome; then briefly took up the business of the meeting, giving a resumé of the papers read, and specially noting Her Excellency's closing address.

The reports of the Secretaries and Treasurer for the year were read and adopted, and committees appointed to take action in regard to the

resolutions dealing with the appointment of women factory inspectors and additional police matrons.

A letter was read from Dr. Rosebrugh, Secretary of the Dominion Prisoners' Aid Society, asking that the local Councils take up the matter of the appointment of a sufficient number of police matrons.

A statement was also read from Mr. Patterson, Secretary of the Dominion History Committee giving information of the progress made in the preparation of a Canadian history, which it is expected will be ready by September, 1895.

It was decided to send copies of the resolution regarding the introduction of manual training in the public schools to the Minister of Education and to the Public School Board of this city.

Certain amendments to the Constitution and By-laws were adopted by the Council.

The officers nominated by the executive were elected for the coming year.

A report was read from the Woman's Art Association.

The reports of the W. C. T. U. and of St. Michael's Aid Society were laid on the table. There having been no time for the reading of them, an abstract is given in this report.

The history of this district of the W. C. T. U. dates from the year 1886, when the needs of the city called for a focusing of energies for work here. There are twelve unions with a membership of 300. These unions meet twice a month at 56 Elm Street for devotional and business meetings.

The work is divided into departments with superintendents.

The Evangelistic (which is considered the most important) Hygiene and Heredity, Scientific Temperance, the Flower Mission, Band of Hope, the departments of Franchise and of Narcotics.

There are several other departments, Parlour Meetings, which encourage the social element; Peace and Arbitration, for women who do not believe in war, but try as far as possible to educate the public mind to the advantages of arbitration. A committee on Purity in Art, Literature and Fashion, with Schools of Method, Houses of Entertainment,

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complete the list of departments under which the W. C. T. U. classifies its *exhaustive efforts to elevate humanity.*

The St. Michael's Ladies' Aid Society was organized by His Grace the Archbishop, in December, 1893, for the purpose of visiting and assisting during the winter months the poor of the parish. The year's report tells of 457 visits made and of 152 families relieved by donations of food and clothing.

This Society does not confine itself solely to the relief of corporal wants, but looks after, as far as lies in its power to do, the spiritual needs of the poor. In some instances a re-awakening of Catholic faith and Catholic practice has resulted from its ministrations.

Although there will be no more public meetings of the Local Council until the first Monday in October the work will be borne in mind during the intervening months, and it is hoped that new thought will give increased effort and interest to the work for the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY E. DIGNAM,
Recording Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO JUNE 4TH.

RECEIPTS.

Fees from 22 Federating Societies, \$2.00 each.. . . .	\$44 00
Collection at Pavillion	19 80
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing	\$11 25
Fee to National Council.....	5 00
Postage	9 33
Expenses of meetings	11 00
Badges.....	2 20
Cash on hand	25 02
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	\$63 80

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 indepen-

dence 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 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 women 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 this Local Council shall consist of a President, two or more Vice-Presidents at large, *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.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. This 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.

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 Annual Meeting, but may not vote.

TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL OF

SEC. 5. Other meetings of this 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 this Local Council must first be submitted to the Executive Committee as notice of motion.

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.

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.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY E. DIGNAM,
Recording Secretary.

WOMEN OF CANADA.

BY-LAWS.

No. I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- Enter names in Roll Book.
- Lord's Prayer in unison.
- Minutes of last meeting.
- Report of Recording Secretary.
- Report of Corresponding Secretary.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Business arising out of Minutes of last Meeting
- New Business.

No. II.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The Local Council shall hold regular meetings on the first Monday of October, of February and of June, and there shall be a meeting of the Executive Committee on the first Monday of every other 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. 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. 5. 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. 6. All new business to be brought before the regular meetings of the Local Council must be submitted to the Executive Committee as a notice of motion.

SEC. 7. Each Society federated in the Local Council shall be enrolled in one or other of the departments mentioned in the preamble to the Constitution. Every such department shall appoint a Secretary, who shall compile a report, from data furnished by the Societies which compose the department, to be read at one of the regular meetings, fifteen minutes being allowed for the reading of each report. The various departments may hold sectional conferences at discretion.

SEC. 8. 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. 9. The Executive Committee shall have power to make all arrangements for Annual Meeting.

SEC. 10. 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 open 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 Vice-Presidents-at-Large, in the absence or disability of the President, shall perform all duties incident to the office of 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 Meetings.

No. V.—ELECTIONS.

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

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

No. VI.—AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws 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.

LIST OF FEDERATED SOCIETIES

(CLASSIFIED).

Philanthropic—

Infants' Home.
Orphans' Home.
Girls' Home.
Boys' Home.
Convalescent Home.
Ministering Children's League.
Humane Society.
Moses Montifiore Society.

Literature and Art—

Woman's Art Association of Canada.
Woman's Literary Society of Toronto University.

Religious—

Church of England Woman's Auxiliary to Missions.
Woman's Methodist Missionary Society of Toronto Conference.
Primary Sunday School Teachers' Union.
Young Women's Christian Association.
Young Women's Christian Guild.
St. Michael's Aid Society.
Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
Toronto Union of King's Daughters and Sons.

Industrial and Social Reform—

Toronto Relief Society.
Industrial Rooms Association.
Socialist's League.
Woman's Enfranchisement Association.
Working Woman's Protective Association.