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Council Chambers, City Hall.

MORNING SESSION.

10.00 TO 12.30 NOON.

- 10.00—Silent Prayer.
- 10.05—Roll Call.
- 10.15—Minutes of last annual meeting.
- 10.20—President's Opening Address.
- 10.30—Correspondence.
- 10.35—Appointment of members of the Council as Returning Officers and Tellers for the ballot voting (if necessary).
- 10.40—Annual Report.
- 10.50—Friendly Help Report.
- 11.00—Report of Affiliated Societies by Corresponding Secretary.
- 11.15—Reception of New Societies.
- 11.25—Appointment of Auditors.
- 11.30—Voting for officers by ballot.
- 12.00—Resolutions sent in by Local Councils, and by the Executive Committee:



Proposed by the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union :—That Whereas Chinese children are growing up in the cities of British Columbia without instruction, education or training, Resolved that education relative to the Chinese and other foreigners in British Columbia be compulsory.

Whereas slavery among Chinese girls on Canadian territory exists, Resolved that if the law bearing on slavery be clear and definite, it be enforced; if not, that it be so amended and enforced that no Chinese girl or foreigner can be held as a slave on British territory.

Moved by Miss Bowes.

Seconded by Miss Shepherd.

12.30—Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

1.30—*Proposed by Local Union of Christian Endeavour* :—That, Whereas, the Government of this Province, in passing a law for the observance of the Sabbath, excluded the Island of Vancouver from the working of such; therefore, we would respectfully ask that the Woman's Council do use their influence with the members of the Provincial Government in this city and Province, urging them to have the Island of Vancouver included under the workings of said Act as soon as possible, with same conditions as the rest of the Province.

Moved by

Seconded by



1.45—Paper on the Liquor Business in connection with groceries.

1.55—Resolved, that the Woman's Council be asked to take some active steps in the direction of having a more stringent liquor law put in force in this Province, especially regarding the separation of the liquor business in connection with the grocery business; and, also, that they use their influence in favor of the total abolition of the liquor traffic.

Moved by

Seconded by

2.10—*Proposed by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union*:—That, Whereas, in the cities of this Province women are eligible for positions on the Public School Board; and, whereas, women of the rural districts do not enjoy this privilege; therefore be it resolved, that our Provincial Legislature be petitioned to amend the School Act so as to extend the privilege to women in the rural districts.

Moved by Mrs. Wm. Grant.

Seconded by Mrs. John Robson.

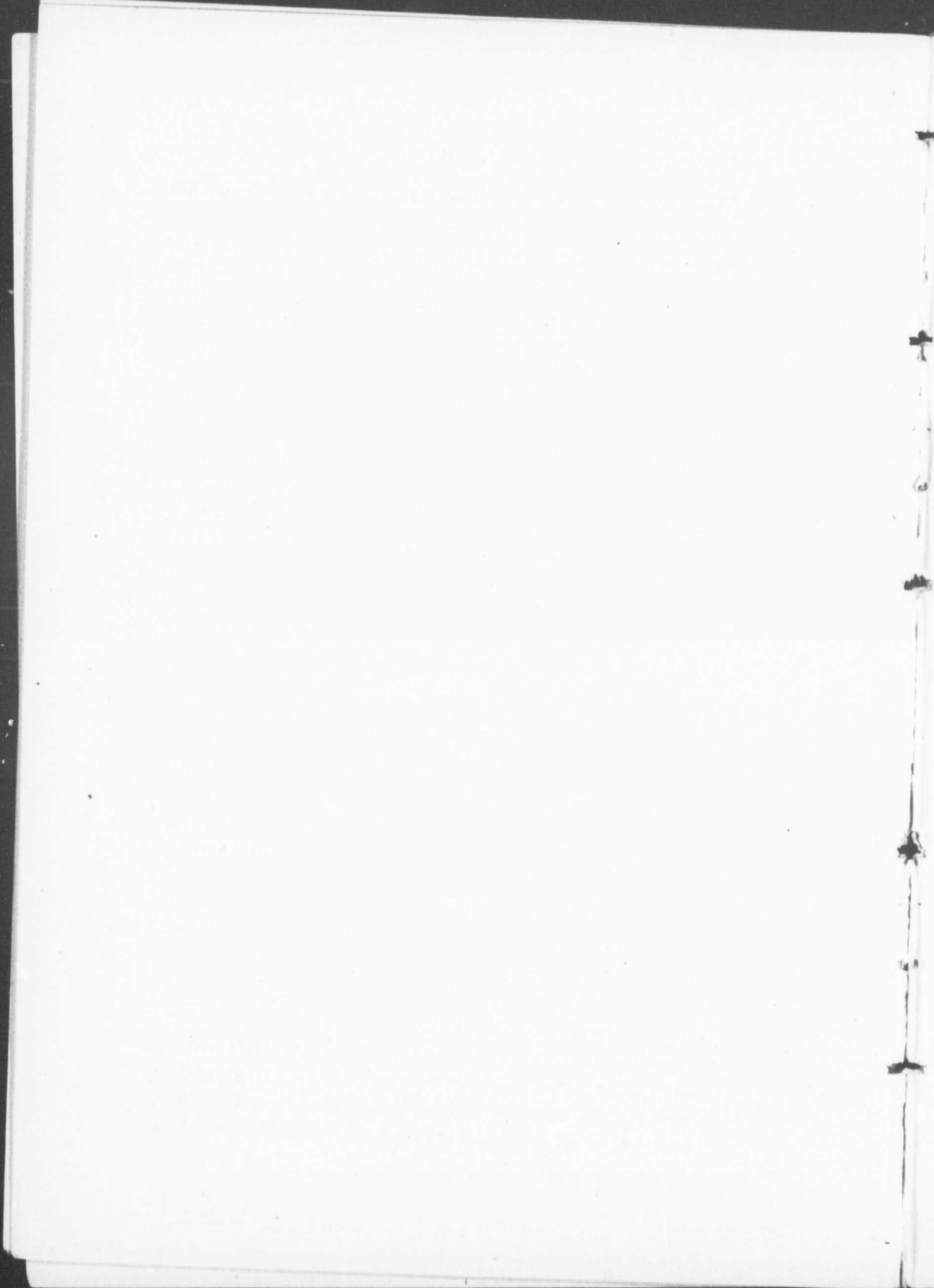
2.25—Paper "Young Men's Christian Association," Mrs. Jenkins.

2.35—*Proposed by the Centennial Missionary Society*:—That Whereas the Bible, both in the Old Testament and the New, is direct in its command of laying aside a tithe of one's income, therefore be it resolved, that as a Council of Women we encourage systematic giving to religious and philanthropic purposes.

Moved by Mrs. Betts.

Seconded by Mrs. Chapman.

2.50—*Proposed by the Women's Christian Temperance Union*:—That Whereas there are in this city and province many aged women who have no homes except temporary ones provided for them by benevolent persons;



And Whereas there are both Provincial and Municipal Homes provided for indigent old men ;

Therefore be it resolved that we petition the Provincial and Municipal authorities for the establishment of a Home for aged women.

Moved by Mrs. Spofford.

Seconded by Mrs. Edmonds.

3.05—Paper, " The responsibility of women in civic affairs," Mrs. Alex. Davie.

3.15—*Proposed by South Park Public School Teaching Staff:—*
Whereas numbers of boys under the age of sixteen may be seen smoking on the public streets of Victoria, be it therefore resolved that this Local Council of Women condemn the action of the city police in shutting their eyes to this evil, and also to the offence committed by those dealers who sell tobacco in any form to children under sixteen.

Moved by Miss Lawson.

Seconded by Miss Carmichael.

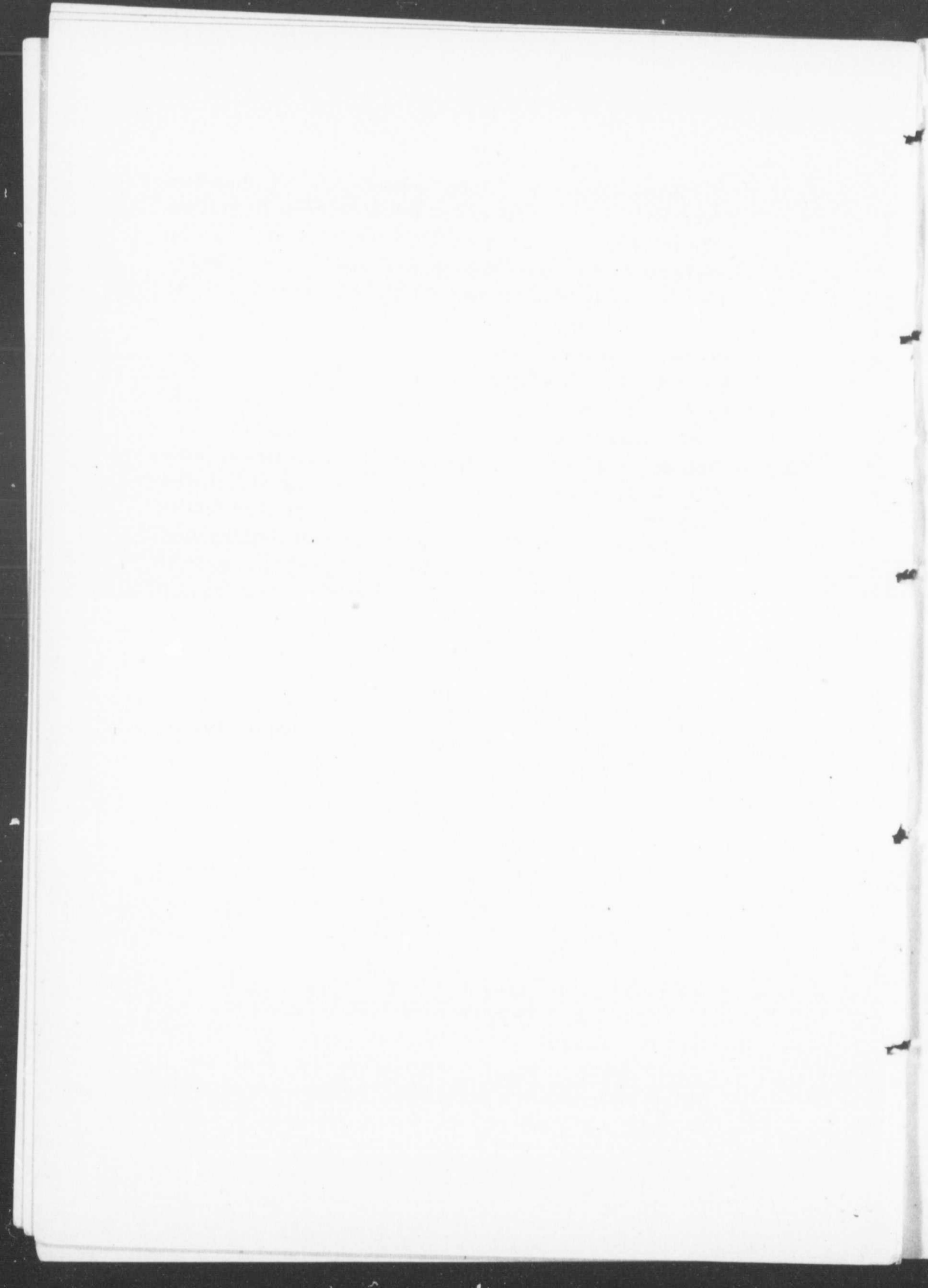
3.30—Whereas news boys of tender age go in and out of saloons and places of low repute, and district messengers are sent upon errands to places of which they should have no knowledge, be it therefore resolved that having the interest of these children at heart, the women of this Local Council condemn these practices, and use its influence in having this state of affairs remedied.

Moved by Miss Lorimer.

Seconded by Miss Frank.

3.45—Paper " Compulsory Education," Miss Lawson.

3.55—Whereas numbers of children of school age do not attend any school and are not only forming vicious habits on the streets of this city, but are a continual menace and source of contamination to those



children who do attend schools, be it therefore resolved that this Local Council of Women deem it for the public good that such children of school age be compelled to attend some school, and that the proper authorities be petitioned to enforce the compulsory clause of the School Act.

Moved by Miss Robinson.

Seconded by Miss Frazer.

- 4.10—*Proposed by the Executive:*—That, Whereas, the School Law does not allow children under the age of six to attend the public schools of this Province; and, whereas, it has been, and is being, proved in the States and elsewhere that for children of such tender years the Kindergarten system is both morally and intellectually superior to any other educational method extant; therefore be it resolved, that the Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island do petition the Government to forthwith amend the School Law, making no restriction as to age, and to speedily establish Kindergartens in connection with the public schools of this city and the Province of British Columbia.

Moved by Mrs. Scaife.

Seconded by Mrs. Spofford.

- 4.30—Question Box.

- 5.00—Amendments to Rules and Standing Orders, if any.
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