

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA, FORMED
26TH OCTOBER, 1893.

OFFICERS FOR 1895.

President.—Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen.

Vice-Presidents.—Lady Thompson, Madame Laurier.

Hon. Vice-Presidents.—The wives of Lieutenant-Governors of Provinces.

Provincial Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. McDonnell, for Ontario; Lady Caron, for Quebec; Lady Tilley, for New Brunswick; Mrs. Archibald, for Nova Scotia; Mrs. Taylor, for Manitoba, and Miss Perrin, for British Columbia.

Corresponding Secretary.—Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, 44 Dewson Street, Toronto.

Recording Secretary.—Mrs. H. Scott, Montreal.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Hoodless, Hamilton.

The National Council of Women of Canada owes its formation to the meeting of the International Council of Women held at the close of the Women's Congress at Chicago in 1893. A number of women representing various societies in Canada were present at that meeting and resolved to take steps to form a National Council of Women in Canada, Mrs. McDonnell of Sunnyside, Toronto, and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings being appointed provisionally Vice-President and Secretary.

Two preliminary meetings were held at Toronto in October, 1893, to carry the above resolution into effect, and it was then arranged to hold a mass meeting of women to consider the subject in the Pavilion on 26th October, 1893, and to invite Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen to preside on the occasion. Two hundred invitations were sent out to the representatives of as many women's associations as could be communicated with.

The resolution to form a National Council of Women on the basis proposed at Chicago was carried unanimously, Her Excellency was elected President, and officers were elected to whom was entrusted the duty of revising and putting into final shape the constitution for Local Councils.

The main principles of the constitution recommended by this committee and adopted formally at the first annual meeting of the National Council held at Ottawa, 11th April, 1894, are as follows:—

Preamble.

We, women of Canada, sincerely believing that the best good of our homes and nation will be advanced by our greater unity of thought, sympathy, and purpose, and that an organized movement of women will best conserve the highest good of the family and state, do hereby band ourselves together to further the application of the golden rule to society, custom and law.

Article II.—General Policy.

This Council is organized in the interest of no one propaganda, and has no power over the organizations which constitute it beyond that of suggestion and sympathy; therefore, no society voting to enter this Council shall