

be beneficial to the community, amongst other subjects mentioned being the appointment of women factory inspectors, the care of female prisoners, the appointment of police matrons, the introduction of manual instruction into the public schools, the appointment of women on boards of education, the introduction of kindergarten teaching for the blind, the care of the poor, the forming of public libraries, the organization of associated charities, the training of servants, and various other matters relating to home and social life. Conferences were held on education, the relations of parents and children, sanitary work, national art, music, literature, social reform and self-education.

Resolutions were carried requesting that women might be appointed on the boards of all institutions where women are concerned, that the duty lately removed by the Dominion Government on opium might be reimposed, and that steps might be taken whereby persons leaving Canada to commit bigamy in the United States might be made amenable to the laws. Resolutions recommending Local Councils to urge the appointment of women factory inspectors where this had not already been done, and also advising them to encourage the study and practice of applied design.

In addition to the above the following resolutions were also carried unanimously :—

“That the National Council of Women of Canada do hereby record their appreciation of the efforts made by many of the leading newspapers of the Dominion to suppress the publication of unnecessary details of crime and brutality, so certain to have an injurious effect on the public mind and especially on the minds of the young, and their determination to use their influence to support every endeavour to increase and maintain a high tone in the public press.

“The attention of the National Council of Women having been drawn to the difficulty of ascertaining with any degree of accuracy definite information concerning the status of women in the Dominion with regard to their work in connection either with industrial occupations or with reference to their pursuits in the fields of education, art, literature, music and philanthropy, and to the desirability of such statistics being gathered by duly qualified persons; it is hereby resolved, that the Dominion Government be requested by the National Council of Women of Canada to make the collection of such statistics a department in the Statistical Year-Book of Canada, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier and to the Minister on whose department devolves the duty of compiling statistics.”

“That the National Council of Women of Canada, representing all sections, parties and religious creeds in the Dominion, having heard with profound sorrow and horror of the recent sufferings of their sisters in Armenia, do desire to convey to them the expression of their deepest sympathy and of their earnest desire to help and encourage them in any way in their power. They earnestly pray that the afflictions which have been so heroically endured may be speedily brought to an end, and that through the overruling Providence of the Almighty Father a happier state of affairs may be established.”