

CANADA MUST PREPARE FOR INFLUX OF WOMEN

National Council Discuss Immig- ration Problem and 1914 Reports.

"The immigration policy of Canada must not be narrowed down to a matter of importing domestic servants for our comfort," declared Mrs. Plumptre yesterday afternoon in her report at the meeting of the National Council of Women, as convener of the Committee on Immigration. "At the close of the war there will be an

enormous influx of women to Canada, women widowed and orphaned by the war. They will not all be farmers' wives or domestic servants. Canada must prepare to receive them. Instead of devoting all our attention to inducing immigration we must consider what we will offer the immigrant when she comes."

A delegate from London arose to advocate closer restriction of immigration, saying that in one week ten families had been deported from London as unfit in every way.

"It would seem," said she, "as if the charitable organizations had rounded up the slums of Old England and sent them out here."

In replying to the report, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton called attention to the immigrant King recently sentenced to be hanged for a shocking crime, and who before being sent to Canada had spent the greatest part of his life in prison. He had been sentenced to 26 years for murder just a few years

before being sent to Canada through the agency of the Salvation Army.

"We would like to know how he slipped through?" asked Mrs. Hamilton.

It was reported that an alienist is now employed at the immigration quarters in Quebec, and that the system of bonusing has been discontinued. The suggestion was made that money formerly used for bonusing be used to establish training schools for girls anxious to learn Canadian customs, and that handbooks containing information on Canadian laws and rules be distributed to immigrants on arrival.

"Many foreigners find themselves arrested for offences quite trivial in their way, because of their complete ignorance of our laws," said a delegate in this regard.

It was recommended that the standing committees of Employments for Women, Conservation of Natural Resources, and Agriculture for Women should co-operate with the Committee

on Immigration in making a general survey of conditions embracing all phases of the question.

This morning the work of the council took the form of an executive meeting, at which the reports of the Quinquennial Conference, held in Rome, 1914, were read. In the afternoon the delegates and officers were the guests of a reception held in Government House, following luncheon at the City Dairy.

Would Widen Coxwell Avenue.

Works Commissioner Harris has recommended that Coxwell avenue be widened from the Grand Trunk Railway to Danforth avenue, as a local improvement, at a cost of \$9,825.

Dumba Leaves The Hague.

The Hague, Oct. 23.—Dr. Dumba, former Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, will leave here this morning for Vienna by way of Berlin.