

**From:** [Lori Oschefski](#)  
**To:** [Toronto East York Community Council](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item # TE18.17 661-665 Huron St  
**Date:** September 15, 2020 9:18:34 AM  
**Attachments:** [Signatures in support of preserving 661 Huron Street \(1\).pdf](#)  
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To: Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council. Reference item number TE18.17

**Please note: This past weekend over 620 more people have signed our Huron Street petition found at: <https://www.change.org/p/help-save-the-beautiful-and-historic-home-located-at-661-huron-street-in-toronto-from-the-wreckers-ball> As of this morning, the petition stands at 7,621 supporting signatures.**

From the late 1860's, right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only approximately 12 percent truly were. These children were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-known and still working charities: Barnardo's, Fegan's, Quarrier's and the Church of England, Waifs and Strays Society - now known in the United Kingdom as "The Children's Society".

The vast majority of these new Canadians were filtered through receiving homes located in Toronto, of which 661 Huron Street played an important role in this process. The Church of England, Waifs and Strays Society was responsible for sending thousands of children to new lives in Canada. From 1923 to 1932, 661 Huron Street was the home used to receive hundreds of little girls sent from their society. After 1932, the home continued to operate, to oversee the girls until they reached the age of 21.

The home was given the name "Elizabeth Rye House" in honour of Miss Elizabeth Rye, sister to Miss Maria Rye - the pioneer of the Home Child movement in Canada. In 1869 the first shipment of children arrived under the care of the Rye's to Niagara-on-the-Lake. This home, and their children's home in England were donated to the Waifs and Strays when the Rye's ceased their emigration work. Prior to that, the Waif and Strays girls were sent to Quebec. In 1924, the girls' home moved to 661 Huron Street. Emigration involved many brothers and sisters. It is heartbreaking to think of the vast separation of many of these young, impressionable young girls from any family they might have had in Canada.

The girls were dispersed for service mostly throughout homes in Toronto and surrounding areas. When their terms of indenture were up many girls from 661 Huron Street made their lives in Toronto. They, and their descendants contributed vastly to the population of this city today. In Canada there are an estimated three-million descendants of British Home Children with the majority being in Toronto. Most notably is the family of Premier Doug Ford (did not come through Huron Street). Our precious history of these children is slowly being eroded away. Two other receiving homes in Toronto have been preserved, 295 George Street - the former Fegan Home and one of the several Barnardo Homes in Toronto - 50-52 Peter Street. The front façade of Peter Street (now Blue Jay Way) has been preserved and is now part of the luxury high-rise Bisha hotel/condo building.661

**Huron Street stands as a monument to the three-million descendants in Canada of the British Home Children. It is an historically significant building representing an important period in Canada's early development as a nation.** To have this historic home destroyed by the wrecker's ball, is akin to destroying a part of Canadian history, of which too much has been lost already. On behalf of our over 7,000 thousand supporters, we ask that the heritage value of this home and it's contribution to our nation be considered and the property saved and it be designated as the historically significant property in Toronto, as it should be.

Please find attached:

303 pages of supporting signatures - now 7,621 strong - **Filed with the Clerk**

47 pages relating to the history of 661 Huron Street and the Waifs and Strays Society

21 pages of supporting comments- **Filed with the Clerk**

Formal letter from Home Children Canada as written above.

Sincerely

MS. Lori Oschefski  
CEO Home Children Canada  
59 Blair Crescent, Barrie, Ontario - L4M 5Y4  
[www.britishhomechildren.com](http://www.britishhomechildren.com)



Dec. - 1924.

## THE NEW OUTPOST IN THE WEST.

DEDICATION AND OPENING OF THE ELIZABETH RYE HOME, TORONTO.

IT was on October 7th that the Society's new Home for Girls at 661, Huron Street, Toronto, Canada, was formally opened and dedicated by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Toronto. Those present included Colonel the Hon. E. Wyndham, representing the Society's Executive, the Rev. Canon Vernon, and the Rev. C. J. S. Stuart, Chaplain to the Home, as well as members of the Home Committee, representatives of the Church and other friends.

The Bishop, after entering through the main doorway, read prayers in the hall and in the dining-room, and then proceeded upstairs and to the dormitories. Following the dedication and official opening, Colonel Wyndham proposing a vote of thanks to the Bishop told how the Home was named after that Miss Elizabeth Rye whose emigration work for girls was so well known and did so much good years ago. Unfortunately during the War the Society was obliged to suspend this branch of its work, and when afterwards it was desired to recommence emigration for girls, the old Home at Niagara-on-the-Lake was found to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. This, in addition to the fact that Niagara is not now such a suitable centre, decided

the Society to transfer its Home for girls to Toronto. Colonel Wyndham concluded his remarks by an appreciative reference to the good work done by the Committee and other kind friends in Toronto in connection with the

Home. Both Canon Vernon and the Rev. C. J. S. Stuart also spoke.

Described as a real home, with bright airy rooms, the building is of three stories with large verandahs. On the ground floor there are assembly rooms, dining-room and kitchen; the first floor contains dormitories, special rest rooms and matrons' rooms, and there are dormitories again on the second floor.



THE ELIZABETH RYE HOME, TORONTO.

After the opening ceremony visitors were shown over the Home by the matron, Miss H. Garratt, and her assistant, both of whom after doing excellent work in the Home's early days, are now leaving it in good order and working smoothly, and returning to England. The Home, in addition to receiving and sheltering the new arrivals from England until they have situations, will serve as a headquarters and a place of retreat to all the girl protégées of the Society in Canada, when they are out of situations or at other necessary times.



The new centre for English domestic girls at 661 Huron street

**A Cordial Invitation**  
is extended to you and your friends  
to attend the  
**Dedication**  
of the Church Hostel for Girls  
at 661 Huron Street  
by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese  
on Tuesday, October 7th, 1924  
at 3.00 p.m.

AFTERNOON TEA  
AT 4.30 P.M.

SALE OF WORK DONE  
BY THE GIRLS  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE ELIZABETH RYE HOME

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SOCIETY.

(Hostel for Girls)

661 Huron Street,  
Toronto 1st July, 1924.

This Hostel has been established at no little expense for the reception and care of girls of ages varying from 14 to 18 years, arriving from Great Britain under the auspices of the above named Society. These girls are to be placed in domestic service and also to be given training in housework at the Hostel.

The Hostel is under the immediate management of a Lady Superintendent and general direction of a local Council of ladies, of which Reverend Canon Vernon, 661 Jarvis Street, is Chairman.

The building is a very substantial brick house in a desirable locality and has been adapted for its present purpose - well furnished and comfortable as a residence for girls who from time to time may sojourn there.

Thirty-seven girls have been emigrated and received at the Hostel since April of this year.

The bright

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The bright appearance of the girls inspected here today impressed me favourably and they would appear to be such as would do well in Canada. I spoke to the party in regard to the places they would take and our expectations as to their future usefulness etc. etc.

The work of this Hostel is strictly demoninational and the girls will all be placed in service with adherents of the Church of England in the city of Toronto.

*G. Gagne Smart,*

Supervisor, Juvenile Immigration.

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Church of England receiving home.

## There's a Fine "Homey" Atmosphere About the "Elizabeth Rye"



## Centre For English Girls Seeking Domestic Work.

Use Residence on Huron  
Street for Novel Service.

By K. MUNRO.

A Receiving and Distributing Centre for English girl immigrants who wish to enter domestic service here has been opened at 251 Huron Street. The place is called the Elizabeth Rye, and is operated by one of the social service agencies of the Church of England, under the supervision of the Department of Immigration at Ottawa. Miss H. M. Garrett, of London, England, is superintendent, assisted by Miss Evans, also of London.

The girls come to Canada to enter domestic service and are over the English school age of fourteen years. All receive some preparatory training in domestic science before leaving the Old Country.

So far, two parties have arrived. The first came over in April, conducted by Miss Garrett, and were immediately offered household positions in Toronto. The second party arrived in June, with Miss Evans, and found homes waiting to receive them.

The Elizabeth Rye is a fine three-storey brick residence, with an attractive homey atmosphere. Here the young women come when they are off duty for social evenings and on occasional afternoons for chaperoned visits to the museum, art gallery, parks and amusement places.



MISS H. M. GARRETT,  
The superintendent of the centre.

Col. Bayne Russell, supervisor of Juvenile Immigration, Ottawa, visited the Receiving and Distributing House recently, among other officials and private citizens interested in the work.

An interesting and unusual feature is that so far in demand for the services which the Elizabeth Rye renders, but many voluntary donations have been made by grateful employers.

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**DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION**

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Immigration Agency.....

**LIST OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ON BOARD**

SS. "CANADA"

Letter No.....

Leaving LIVERPOOL on 19TH APRIL 1924.

Reference No.....

Arriving at..... on..... 19.....



*Hilda M. Garratt*

Agent for The Church of England Waifs & Strays Society, Head Office - Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, S.E. 11.  
having a Receiving and Distributing Home at Girls' Home, Toronto, Ont.

do solemnly declare that the (No.) 1 (135) children named in the following list are brought out to Canada for the purpose of settling therein, that they are British subjects who have been resident in Great Britain for a period of at least six months prior to embarkation, and that they have passed a satisfactory medical inspection at the port of departure, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of *The Canada Evidence Act.*

(Signature) *Hilda M. Garratt*

Declared before me.....

at Quebec this 27th day of April A.D. 1924

(Signature) *J. P. O. Mathew*  
Dominion Immigration Agent.

NAME OF CHILD.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE RECEPTION BY SOCIETY.	SOCIETY FORWARDING CHILD.
<del>GARRICK, Beatrice M.</del>	<del>Highfield</del>	<del>2. 6. 09</del>	<del>Salchester</del>	
JACKSON, Florrie ✓	Sleaford	17. 3. 08	Sleaford.	
MACDONALD, Isabel ✓	Shotton	26. 1. 08	Hetton-le-Hole.	
LADD, Florence E. ✓	Stockwell	5. 9. 08	Stockwell.	
BURTON, Rose Alice ✓	Unknown	21. 5. 09	Hull.	
LEYTON, Frances ✓	Whitchurch	10. 4. 09	Whitchurch.	
ALLEN, Margery May ✓	Newbury	24. 1. 09	Newbury.	
GRILLS, Kathleen L ✓	Torquay.	16. 8. 07	Torquay.	

*All on board*  
*J.G.*

*boards made*  
*13/24*

*The Church of England Waifs & Strays Society,*  
OLD TOWN HALL,  
KENNINGTON ROAD,  
LONDON, S.E. 11.

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June 1924 girls headed to Huron Street in Toronto  
The girls in this photo include:

Lily Meeks - 14 years old, Freda K Mmiles - 16, Kathleen A.M.Mills - 15, Frances E Milner - 15, Dorothy M Milner - 15, Amy P Moore - 15, Nellie J Mortimer - 16, Kate Newall - 17, Harriet Nichol - 17, Rosina E Osborne - 14, Winifred H. C. Owen - 14, Phyllis W Pearson - 15, Margaret Bartlett - 16, Kathleen Boyce - 14, Doris Bulmer - 16, Kathleen M Cresswell - 15, Mary E. B. Davison - 14, Mary E Dixon - 16, Ruth Edgcombe - 16, Norah Ferguson - 16, Jessie E Freeman - 15, Doris A Freeman - 14, Olive Gibbons - 15, Florence R Goswell - 15, Lilian Pilcher - 14, Florence E Smith - 15, Ivy B Stimpson - 15, Edith M Williams - 17, Eliabeth Williams - 17, Levina M J Wood - 16, Elsie W Woodford - 15, Alice L Austin - 16, Edith Ayres - 15, Phyllis M Hadlow - 14, Gladys Jackson - 14, Susie J Jones - 14, Olive Kirdy - 17, Elizabeth L J Large - 16, Faith C Lucas - 15



LIST OF CHILDREN arriving in Canada ~~Between the First day of April, 19~~ <sup>May 1<sup>st</sup></sup> ~~and Thirty-first day of March, 19~~ <sup>June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914</sup>  
 and placed in situations by Miss Garratt, Church of England Waifs and Strays Society  
 661 Uron Street, Toronto, Ontario

NAME	Date of Birth	PLACED WITH	PROFESSION	P.O. ADDRESS	TOWNSHIP	LOT	CON.	COUNTY
✓ Milner Frances	29.6.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Shaky 665 Huron St	Kitchen maid	665 Huron St	Toronto			
✓ Dorothy Milner	29.6.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Arkus 78 Admiral Road	Housemaid	78 Admiral R <sup>d</sup>	"			
✓ Ayers Edith	16.12.08	M <sup>rs</sup> Fairfield 45 Lascelles Ln	General maid	45 Lascelles Avenue	"			
✓ Wood Louisa	9.2.08	M <sup>rs</sup> Maguire Orchard View St	General maid	Orchard View Boulevard	"			
✓ Woodford Elsie	20.6.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Frazer 154 Glenview Ave	General maid	154 Glenview Avenue	"			
✓ Spitta Kathleen	17.8.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Evans 197 College St	General maid	197 College St	"			
✓ Spore Amy	11.2.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Saunders 7 Neville Park Rd	General maid	7 Neville Park Boulevard	"			
✓ Spack Lily Union	5.8.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Shaky 665 Huron St	House maid	665 Huron St	"			
✓ Jones Susie Union	5.10.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Rebecca St. Melinda Lodge	House maid	St. Melinda Lodge 36 Wabner R <sup>d</sup>	"			
✓ Pitcher Lilian	12.5.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Hunt 121 Simcoe St	Washer	121 Simcoe St	"			
✓ Boyce Kathleen Union	20.12.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Gale 75 Walker Ave	General maid	75 Walker Avenue	"			
✓ Creswell Kathleen	14.3.09	M <sup>rs</sup> G. C. Ritchie 170 Spadina St	General maid	170 Spadina St	"			
✓ Gibbons Elsie	13.6.09	Miss Porter 639 Huron St	General maid	639 Huron St	"			
✓ Simpson Lucy	6.5.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Arkus 78 Admiral R <sup>d</sup>	Partisan maid	78 Admiral R <sup>d</sup>	"			
✓ Smith Florence	3.5.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Coulson 162 St. Clements Ave	General maid	162 St. Clements Ave	"			
✓ Osborne Rosina	12.7.09	M <sup>rs</sup> Benson 127 Howland Ave	General maid	127 Howland Ave	"			
✓ Spack Lily	5.8.09							
✓ Kelly Elsie	26.5.07	M <sup>rs</sup> Takson 38 Crescent Road	House maid	38 Crescent Road	"			



*London*

May 1<sup>st</sup> June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1924.  
 LIST OF CHILDREN arriving in Canada ~~between the~~ the First day of April 1924, and Thirty-first day of March, 1924  
 and placed in situations by Miss Stewart, Church of England Waifs and Strays Society  
661 Bloor Street, Toronto, Ontario

NAME	Date of Birth	PLACED WITH	PROFESSION	P.O. ADDRESS	TOWNSHIP	LOT	CON.	COUNTY
<i>at St. Catharines, 1/24/24</i> Veller Ruth P. ✓	19.1.06	Mr. Green, 36 Dale Avenue	Housemaid	36 Dale Avenue	Toronto			✓ ✓
Kitchell Alice ✓	22.7.06	Mr. Martin 92 Dupont St.	General maid	92 Dupont St.				✓ ✓
Grillo Kathleen ✓	16.8.07	Mr. Baldwin 93 Pine Wood Avenue	General maid	93 Pine Wood Ave.				✓ ✓
Macdonald Isabel ✓	26.1.08	Mr. Clark 232 Shaw St.	General maid	232 Shaw St.				✓ ✓
Jackson Florie ✓	17.3.08	Mr. Hiscocks 498 Eudith Ave.	General maid	498 Eudith Avenue				✓ ✓
Ladd Florence ✓	5.9.08	Mr. Falconbridge 22 Chestnut Park	General maid	22 Chestnut Park				✓ ✓
Allen Margery ✓	24.1.09	Mr. Temple 97 Sherbourne	General maid	97 Sherwood Avenue				✓ ✓
Davison Cecily ✓	12.9.08	Mr. Houston 93 Bernard Ave	General maid	93 Bernard Ave				✓
Williams Elizabeth ✓	4.4.07	Mr. Anderson 659 Huron St.	General maid	659 Huron St.				✓ ✓
Hewall Kate ✓	4.4.07	Mr. Wagner 93 Bernard Ave	General maid	93 Bernard Ave				✓ ✓
Nicholls Harriet ✓	31.8.07	Mr. Hamilton 284. Thebuena St.	General maid	284. Thebuena St.				✓ ✓
Ferguson Sarah ✓	14.12.07	Mr. Aronow 23 Chicora Avenue	Kitchen maid	23 Chicora Avenue				✓ ✓
Balmer Lois ✓	29.3.08	Mr. Mason 11 Adornial R.	General maid	11 Adornial R.				✓ ✓
Edgcomb Ruth ✓	24.4.08	Mr. Sankley 395 Huron St.	General maid	395 Huron St.				✓ ✓
Dixon May ✓	24.2.08	Mr. Fitton 9 Ridoult R.	General maid	9 Ridoult R.				✓ ✓
Goswell Rose Lorna ✓	10.9.08	Mr. Amour 23 Chicora Avenue	House maid	23 Chicora Avenue				✓ ✓
Freeman Jessie Lorna ✓	6.9.08	Mr. Bagley 640ville	General maid	King St.	640ville			✓ Ontario <i>Katrina</i>
Williams Edith ✓	17.2.08	Mr. Jones 23 Innes Park Ave	General maid	23 Innes Park Ave	Toronto			✓ ✓
Miles Freda K. ✓	13.6.08	Mr. Monbijambert 7 Wellington Ave	General maid	7 Wellington Avenue				✓ ✓
Yorkner Joan M. ✓	17.4.08	Mr. Turner 502 Christie St.	General maid	502 Christie St.				✓ ✓
Lucas Faith L. ✓	1.9.08	Mr. Copland Penekangauke	Kitchen maid	Penekangauke	Ontario			✓ ✓ <i>Lucas</i>



*Carson*

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This list contains address for -  
 (1) 7 Party "to Canada," April 1924  
 (2) 36 " " June 1924  
 + 3 whose names do not appear on forms  
 46 on the list  
 & add. still to be rec'd for Party which arr. in June  
 3 → address 24/24  
 add. written for → 209/24

Form A

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION.

Immigration Agency: **LIST OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ON BOARD**

SS. "CANADA"

Letter No. \_\_\_\_\_ Letter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_ Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

LEAVING LIVERPOOL ON 15th June 1924.

Arriving at \_\_\_\_\_ ON \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Agent for The Church of England Waifs & Strays Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, S.E. 11.

Having a Receiving and Distributing Home at 661, Huron Street, Toronto, P.O. Can.

do solemnly declare that the (No.) 28 (THIRTY) 29 children named in the following list are brought out to Canada for the purpose of settling therein, that they are British subjects who have been resident in Great Britain for a period of at least six months prior to embarkation, and that they have passed a satisfactory medical inspection at the port of departure, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of The Canada Evidence Act.

JUL 2 1924

(Signature) C. R. Evans

Declared before me \_\_\_\_\_

at Quebec this 21st day of June A.D. 1924

(Signature) J. P. C. Mathew  
 Dominion Immigration Agent.

NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE RECEPTION BY SOCIETY.	SOCIETY FORWARDING CHILD.
AUSTIN, Alice L.	Penbridge	14.12.07	Kington, Herefs.	Church of England Waifs & Strays Society OLD TOWN HALL, KENNINGTON ROAD, LONDON, S.E.
MILLS, Kathleen A.M.	Unknown North	17. 8. 08	Ampthill.	
MOORE, Amy F.	Edmonton	11. 2. 09	Old Ford, London.	
LUCAS, Faith C.	Ramsey	1. 9. 08	Ramsey, Essex.	
MORTIMER, Nellie J.	Hampshire	19. 4. 08	Chiswick.	
EDGECOMBE, Ruth.	Exeter.	24. 4. 08	Exeter.	
DIXON, Mary E.	Llangibby	24. 2. 08	Llangibby, Mon.	
FERGUSON, Nora.	Hampstead	14.12.07	Hampstead, London.	
PILCHER, Lillian.	Grimsby	12. 8. 09	Grimsby.	
DAVISON, Mary E.B.	N. Shields.	14. 1. 10.	North Shields.	
MILES, Freda.	Unknown	13. 6. 08	Devises.	
MILNER, Frances F.	Gainsboro'	29.6. 09	Gainsborough.	
MILNER, Dorothy M.	Gainsboro'	29. 6. 09	Gainsborough	
KIRBY, Olive.	Unknown.	25. 5. 07	Mirfield.	
BARTLETT, Margaret	Manchester	11.11.07	Altrincham.	

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NAME OF CHILD.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE RECEPTION BY SOCIETY.	SOCIETY FORWARDING
BULMER, Doris ✓	Filey.	29. 3.08	Scarborough.	<i>Church of England Waifs &amp; Strays Society</i> OLD TOWN HALL, KENNINGTON ROAD, LONDON, S.E.
AYERS, Edith. ✓	St. Pancras	18.12.08	Walton-on-Thames	
<del>GURMAN, Edith M.</del>	<del>Peterboro'</del>	<del>25. 3.10</del>	<del>Hilsea</del>	
OWEN, Winifred H.G. ✓	Kensington	18. 8.09	E. Kensington.	
GRESHVILL, Kathleen M	London S.E.14.	3.09	Blackfriars, S.E.	
GIBBONS, Olive. ✓	Croydon	15. 4.09	Croydon.	
STIMPSON, Ivy B. ✓	Paddington	6. 5.09	Staines.	
GOSWELL, Florence R.	Bermondsey	10. 9.08	Bracknell.	
HADLOW, Phyllis M. ✓	Fenbury	1.12.09	Crowborough.	
<del>SALLES, Elizabeth S.</del>	<del>London</del>	<del>15. 9.08</del>	<del>Salisbury.</del>	
SMITH, Florence E. ✓	Epsom	5. 5.09	Gillingham.	
OSBORNE, Rosina E. ✓	Boro's, E.	12. 7.09	Welworth.	
WOOD, Lovina M.J. ✓	Pitsea	9. 2.08	Northfleet.	
WOODFORD, Elsie W	Wandsworth	30. 8.08	Fulham.	
WILLIAMS, Edith M.	<i>Brooklands</i> Woking	17. 2.08	Hereford.	

I CERTIFY THAT THE CHILDREN WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THIS LIST ARE NOT REFORMATORY OR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, OR POOR LAW, CHILDREN EXCEPT THOSE IN NUMBER, WHOSE NAMES ARE MARKED "X" AND IN RESPECT OF WHOM NO CONTRIBUTION IS PAYABLE OUT OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

*OK. J.L.*

*W. Powell Swann*  
SECRETARY

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR PERIODS  
HOMES FOR WAIFS & STRAYS,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS WAIFS & STRAYS

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being.....children at £16 8s. 9d. = £.....  
covered by Official Cheque No..... Series 1923-24.

I hereby certify that the above named children *Twenty-eight* in number, are of a desirable class and were duly placed on board the SS. *"Canada"* in charge of *Miss G.R. Evans*  
Date..... *13th June*.....  
*[Signature]*  
Canadian Government Agent.

I hereby certify that the above named children arrived on the SS. *Canada*  
on the *31st* day of *June*  
Date..... *1924*.....  
*[Signature]*  
Dominion Immigration Agent

This form, in triplicate, should be handed to the Canadian Immigration Agent at port of landing for transmission to the Department of Immigration and Colonization, Ottawa, and the quadruplicate is for the Superintendent of Emigration, London.

P.C. & S. 10748

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION.

Immigration Agency	LIST OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ON BOARD		Letter No.
Letter No.	SS. "CANADA"		
Reference No.	Leaving <b>LIVERPOOL</b> on <b>13th June 1924</b>	Arriving at	Reference No.

Agent for **The Church of England Waifs & Strays Society, Old Town Hall  
Kennington Road, S.E.11.  
611, Huron Street, Toronto.**

do solemnly declare that the (No.) **11** children named in the following list are brought out under the **RECEIVED SUPERVISOR JUVENILE IMMIGRATION** Minister of Health of Great Britain, for the purpose of settling in Canada, that they are British subjects who have been a resident in Great Britain for a period of at least six months prior to embarkation, and that they have passed a satisfactory medical inspection at the port of departure, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of *The Canada Evidence Act*.

JUL 2 1924

(Signature) **C. R. Ewart**

Declared before me

**Quirk** this **21st** day of **June** A.D. 19**24**

(Signature) **P. O. Mallick**  
asp Dominion Immigration Agent.

NAME OF CHILD	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	POOR LAW OR UNION SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE CHILD ORIGINALLY CAME
MERKS, Lily ✓	5.8.09	Unknown	South Shields Gds
JONES, Susie J. ✓	3.20.09	Bangor	Bangor & Beaumaris Gds
WILLIAMS, Elisabeth ✓	4.4.07	Unknown	Ulverston Guardians
NICHOL, Harriet ✓	31.8.07	"	Fylde Guardians
LARGE, Elisabeth L.J. ✓	19.3.08	Swindon	Swindon & Highworth Gds
FREEMAN, Doris A. ✓	23.9.09	Eastleigh	Southampton Gds
FREEMAN, Jessie E. ✓	6.9.08	"	" "
JACKSON, Gladys W.G. ✓	1.8.09	Shincliffe	Durham Gds
PHARSON, Phyllis W. ✓	18.3.09	Macclesfield	Macclesfield Gds
BOYCE, Kathleen ✓	20.12.09	Old Windsor.	Windsor Guardians
NEWALL, Kate ✓	4.4.07	Unknown	Docking Guardians

OK. JS

11 Best made 27/24 dh

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TELEPHONE HILLCREST 3333

SUPERVISOR JUVENILE IMMIGRATION  
RECEIVED

# Church of England Hostel for Girls

661 HURON STREET

TORONTO,  
CANADA



SEP 30 1924

*noted* Mary B. Davison present address 661 Huron St.  
This girl has not yet been placed in a situation.

*noted* Margaret Bartlett left the Party at Quebec in charge  
of her relatives  
present address 40 Mrs. Bartlett - Port 62 - Matamoras - 6

*noted* Alice L. Austin also left the Party at Quebec June 1924  
her present address is 40 Mrs. Salther (relatives)  
Port 65 Matheson (Matheson) - 6nt -

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13th February, 1925

MEMORANDUM:

RE The Elizabeth Rye Home.

The Elizabeth Rye Home, Toronto, is under my official supervision, and the girls received there, being under 18 years of age, are under the inspection of this Branch of the Department. I have already personally inspected this Institution and my report is on file.

The girls are in domestic service, with one or two exceptions, in the city of Toronto. Altogether forty-nine girls were brought to Canada last summer, and our woman inspector has reported upon almost all of them since January. Most of the girls are doing well. The cases of two or three girls, who were not doing so well, have been taken up with the Chairman of the Committee representing the management of the Home, and these cases are receiving careful attention.

I might add that this Home was established last summer by the Church of England Society of London, England for the reception and placing of girls sent to Canada by that very responsible organisation. The main organisation has operated in Canada for a number of years,

in fact



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in fact had a Receiving Home for over thirty years at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. This Society has also had a Home for Boys at Sherbrooke, P.Q. for many years, and their immigration work has been satisfactory.

Supervisor, Juvenile Immigration.

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CHILD IMMIGRANTS  
DUE NEXT SPRING

British Society's Representative  
Leaving on Doric After  
Making Arrangements

GYRO-PILOT FOR C.P.

Automatic Steering Device to  
Be Used on Liners Princess  
Kathleen and Princess  
Marguerite

Carrying many returning British visitors, as well as many Montrealers, the White Star-Dominion liner Doric sails tomorrow at daybreak for Liverpool with a good list of cabin passengers. Among those returning home is Lt.-Col. the Hon. E. S. Wyndham, who came to Canada early this month to attend the opening of the recently completed home of the Waifs and Strays' Society at Toronto, at which the Bishop of Toronto officiated. Col. Wyndham, on a tour through the Eastern Townships and eastern Ontario, finds that the majority of the 400 young boys in their teens who emigrated from England to Canada under the auspices of the society during the past two years are generally becoming successful farmers. Complaints are few, he states, either from the boys or their employers.

"We have just completed arrangements to bring out about 100 boys and a hundred girls to Canada next spring as farmers and as domestics," he said yesterday.

Others on board the Doric will include: P. R. Warren, representative of Armstrong-Whitworth, who has spent some time at Cornerbrook, Nfld., in connection with the erection of that company's new large pulp and paper mill; Capt. F. Walker, of the Hudson Bay Co.; and the following Montrealers: K. H. Mundell, Miss M. Lawrence, W. F. Hamon, Miss I. May, R. A. May, Mrs. E. E. Briggs, Miss K. Briggs, Miss M. Briggs, R. Vesina, Miss M. Brown, Miss L. Brown, Mrs. C. A. Simon, Miss Simon, Mrs. Low, Miss M. Howden, Miss C. M. Allan, Miss E. Hansford, P. Hansford, Mrs. A. Sloan, Miss M. L. Sloan, Mrs. C. C. Fish, Mrs. W. R. A. Whiting, W. McLeod and G. C. Burris.

WILL USE GYRO-PILOT.

The much-talked-of quartermaster "Metal Mike," known in scientific circles as the gyro-pilot, will be used soon on the Canadian Pacific's Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle run and the Alaska service, it was announced at Canadian Pacific headquarters yesterday. It was learned that the two liners, Princess Kathleen and Princess Marguerite, now under construction at John Brown & Sons, Clydebank, are both to be equipped with gyro-pilots to be used in the coastwise and triangular runs.

"Metal Mike" is the gyro-pilot or automatic steering device that has been installed on many of the round-the-world liners and with which all the latest steamships are being equipped.

When a ship is in the hands of "Metal Mike" there is a marked difference in the course of that ship. The finest steersman in the world cannot compete with the automatic steering device, for it responds to even one-sixth of a degree of variance, and corrects it at once.

It is obvious that the time to correct a ship's yawing is when it begins and that prevention of it means saving in time and fuel, aside from an increase in the factor of safety. All ships yaw more or less, but with the gyro-pilot it is reduced to a minimum. The personal element of its attendant errors are eliminated and mechanical efficiency takes its place.

The course of the ship is plotted on the chart, the gyro-pilot is set to correspond with this course, and automatically it does its work correcting the yaws. This will be of particular importance to the Princess Kathleen and Princess Marguerite when making their runs during foggy weather, as it will eliminate the danger of getting off the course and going ashore on the many islands that dot the Strait.

By this new device with which the new steamers will be equipped the yaw will be reduced to a minimum, and "Metal Mike's" accuracy, by eliminating the personal element, is expected to reduce the revolutions of the engines as much as 8 per cent., all of which is inflicted in the cost of propulsion.

"Metal Mike," however, cannot perform these duties without the application of the gyro-compass, which will be installed on the new Canadian Pacific coastal steamships. The gyro-compass is an application of a principle long known to scientists. Any wheel rotating rapidly about its own axis, free to place itself in any plane, will, when placed upon a larger wheel, through its axis, assume the same direction as the axis of the large wheel. Explicitly, the rotation of the earth on its axis is the larger wheel and the compass the smaller wheel, hence the axis of the latter takes the true north and south direction.

The gyro-compass does away with all such defects as go with the magnetic compass, that is, local attraction and earth's attraction which varies at different points on the surface of the globe.

The rotor of the gyro is made of bronze, runs at 8,000 r.p.m., weight 39 pounds, and is driven by direct current at 70 volts. End play in the rotor is prevented by a thrust bearing at each end of the shaft. The thrust bearings are lubricated by taking a small quantity of oil carried up on the oil rings.

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**The Elizabeth Rye Receiving Home for Girls.**

661 Huron Street, Toronto.

(Canadian Branch - Church of England Society - London, England.)

This Home was established as a receiving and distributing centre for girls arriving from England under the auspices of the above named Society, and was formerly opened by the Bishop of Toronto on 7th October, 1924.

Two parties of girls, of ages varying from 14 - 17 have todate been received. - forty-nine in all - and a further party is expected in a few months.

The Home is pleasantly located on one of the principal residential streets. It is a substantial three story brick house and suitably laid out for its use - possesses all modern conveniences and is in good order throughout. The dormitories are on the second and third floors: Each room contains a number of single iron beds, neatly made up and ready for use. The bedding was clean and sufficient. Other necessary conveniences, including ventilation, bath, lavatory etc., were in good order.

On the first floor there is a bright living room for the girls, also a fair sized dining-room. The kitchen, which is in the basement, is equipped with modern conveniences, including large cooking range etc., There were three girls in residence at this date and they were at work in the kitchen, preparing their mid-day meal and making marmalade, under the direction of Miss Gaul, the matron.

The location of the Home, together with its surroundings, is desirable as a Home to which the girls may return and remain in interval of changing places or for other reasons.

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I impressed upon those in charge of the work the importance of frequent, careful and systematic oversight of the girls under their care and whom they place in service in Toronto.

The Home is under the direction of a local committee of Toronto ladies.

Appended herewith are the forms used by this organisation in connection with the placing of their wards.

Supervisor, Juvenile Immigration.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
 INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR PROVIDING  
**HOMES FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS,**  
 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "WAIFS AND STRAYS."

Head Offices—Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, S.E.

**EMIGRATION—VISITOR'S REPORT.**

Case No. ....  
 Submitted to Committee .....  
 Entered .....

For Head Office use only.

**GIRLS.**

DISTRIBUTING HOME,  
 ELIZABETH RYE HOME,  
 TORONTO, ONT.

Date .....

GIRL'S NAME IN FULL	AGE	Years	Months
1. Name and full postal address of Employer? .....			
2. Nearest Railway Station? .....			
3. Name and address of local clergyman? .....			
4. How long has the girl been in Canada? .....		Years	Months
5. How long has she been in present situation? .....		Years	Months
6. Occupation? .....			
7. Has she a good place? .....			
8. Is the nature of her employment suitable? .....			
9. What wage is she at present receiving? .....			
10. What arrangements have been made as to increase in wages? .....			
11. What are her prospects? .....			
12. Is she satisfied? .....			
13. Is the girl's general health good? .....			
14. What is her general appearance? .....			
15. What is Employer's Report as to her conduct? .....			
16. How often does the girl attend Church? .....			
17. Has the girl saved any money? If so, how much? .....			
18. Were you quite satisfied with all that you saw? .....			
19. If not, give details .....			

GENERAL REMARKS .....

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(Signed) .....

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**RETURN**

## Elizabeth Rye Home

*Persons desiring to engage girls from the Home are requested to fill up carefully the following form and return to the Elizabeth Rye Home, 661 Huron Street, Toronto.*

Full Name of Applicant.

Postal Address.

Name of City or Town, Street and Number,  
or County and Township and Number of  
Concession and Lot.

Nearest Railway Station  
and Distance from Residence.

Distance from Church.

Occupation of Head of Household

Name and address of Minister,  
to whom reference may be made.

Number in Applicant's family,  
sex and ages.

Does Applicant take boarders or lodgers?

Give description of house  
and accomodation provided.

Are all in household in good health?  
If not state nature of disability.

What age girl is required?

What duties will be expected of the girl?  
N.B. It should be made clear what position  
the girl will occupy in Applicant's household.

Does Applicant undertake that girl shall have  
room to herself, with adequate lock and key, and proper approach.

How long has Applicant lived at present address.

How can Applicant be reached by telephone.

*I agree to accept the conditions set forth in the accompanying memorandum.*

Signature of Applicant.

Date

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RETAIN

## Elizabeth Rye Home

Telephone: Hillcrest 3333

Headquarters Office,  
661 Huron Street,  
Toronto.

### CANADIAN BRANCH.

#### Memorandum of Conditions Upon Which Girls are Placed Out.

1. Under the Provincial Statute, by which the work of the Home is authorized and conducted, all children placed out under the control of the Manager of the Homes and those representing the Institutions in Canada are invested with full powers of guardianship, and are required "for the protection of the persons and earnings of the children" to exercise the duties and responsibilities of guardians.
2. The terms upon which girls are placed vary in accordance with their age, size, capabilities, the character of the situation and the position they will occupy in the households into which they are received. It is recognized that they must work to earn their livelihood, and it is sought to secure for them good homes, fair wages, and reasonable conditions of employment.
3. If a girl has to share bed-room, a separate bed must be provided. If alone, a key or suitable fastener for door.
4. In the case of girls of 14 years and upwards, the monthly wage will be fixed in accordance with what seems a fair remuneration for their services, having regard to their experience and also to the demand for domestic help and the current rate of wages throughout the country. The wages range from ten dollars and upwards per month. No proposal to pay less than ten dollars a month to a girl over fourteen will be entertained. Caps and aprons to be provided by employers in all cases.
5. Wages must be paid to the Home, twenty dollars is charged for outfit, being deducted from wage at five dollars per month, half of balance is banked in a Trust Account in the girl's name, after outfit is paid for, half of wage is banked. Where a girl is placed outside city limits, a careful record must be kept of any expenditures for clothes, pocket money, or other necessities, never exceeding half of earnings. A certified statement signed by the girl, must be rendered monthly. This girl is not to be out later than \_\_\_\_\_ unless by special permission. This girl must be allowed Church privileges, Communion at least once a month. railway ticket, all travelling expenses must be paid by employer.
6. Hospital and Medical expenses must not be incurred (unless in case of emergency), on girl's behalf, except with the consent of the Elizabeth Rye Home.
7. Employers desiring to terminate engagements, must give two weeks' notice in writing (not by telephone or telegram), addressed to Elizabeth Rye Home, 661 Huron Street, Toronto. Any person who has received a child from this institution, and is, from any cause, unable or unwilling to keep such girl, must return the child, at his or her own expense.
8. The right is reserved to the Representatives of the Home to remove any girl summarily and without notice if it should be considered necessary, although such action would only be resorted to, under exceptional circumstances. Corporal punishment is contrary to the Law.
9. Each girl will be periodically visited by a lady representative of the Home, and it is expected that every facility will be afforded to the Visitor for making such inspection and enquiry as to the girl's surroundings, clothing and condition as she may consider necessary. Should the mistress be absent the girl must be left in charge of a responsible women.
10. Applications must be made on the attached form for the purpose. The person whose name is given for reference will be communicated with as soon as the form is returned.
11. No registration fee is charged, but any donation will be gratefully received.
12. Applicants must be members of Church of England.

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**STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

*For the private information of the management of the  
Elizabeth Rye Home*

Re \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been personally acquainted with the applicants?

Are they, to the best of your belief and knowledge, people of good moral character and standing in the community?

Of what members does the family consist? If possible state ages and sex.

Are they in your judgment, fit and proper persons to have the care and training of a young girl, and is the household one in which you can, with confidence, recommend that a girl should be placed?

Do you know them to belong to the Church of England?

Are their financial circumstances, as far as your knowledge extends, sufficiently good to enable them to provide comfortably for a girl, and to pay reasonable wages for her services?

Remarks: (Please, make these as full as possible)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE HILLCREST 5338

## Elizabeth Rye Home

661 HURON STREET

Dear Sir,—

Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
who are applicants for a girl from our Institution, have referred us to yourself as being in a position to certify to the suitability of their home for one of our young wards. In view of the urgent importance of safeguarding the children whom we place out from falling into undesirable hands, we beg of you the favor of filling up the attached form giving us your personal opinion in regard to the character of the applicant and family, the home life and surroundings. Any information you furnish us, or any expression of opinion will be regarded as a strictly Private and Privileged communication, and should you feel yourself unable conscientiously to recommend the application, and it should in consequence be declined, this will be done without your being in any way involved. I may add that we shall greatly appreciate any suggestion that your knowledge of the applicants enables you to offer that will be a guide to us in the selection of a girl to fill the application.

Cordially thanking you for any trouble you may take in this matter in the interest of those under our care.

Yours faithfully,

A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed for reply.

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FORM A.

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION

Immigration Agency. \_\_\_\_\_

Letter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

LIST OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ON BOARD

SS. "MEGANTIC"

Leaving LIVERPOOL on 12th June 1925.

Arriving at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

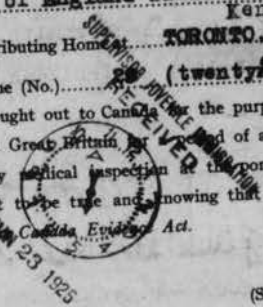
Letter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

Agent for The Church of England Waifs & Strays Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, S. E. 11., TORONTO, Ontario.

having a Receiving and Distributing Home at \_\_\_\_\_ (twenty-five) children named

do solemnly declare that the (No.) \_\_\_\_\_ in the following list are brought out to Canada for the purpose of settling therein, that they are British subjects who have been resident in Great Britain for \_\_\_\_\_ and of at least six months prior to embarkation, and that they have passed a satisfactory medical inspection at the port of departure, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of The Canada Evidence Act.



(Signature) *Walter Lambell*

Declared before me at *Quebec* this *20th* day of *June* A.D. 19 *25*

(Signature) *J.P. Matheson*  
Dominion Immigration Agent.

NAME OF CHILD.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE RECEPTION BY SOCIETY.	SOCIETY FORWARDING CHILD.
<del>Deakin, Ivy.</del>	<del>Newcastle</del>	<del>5.11.14</del>	<del>Newcastle.</del>	CHURCH OF ENGLAND WAIFS & STRAYS SOCIETY. OLD TOWN HALL, KENNINGTON ROAD, LONDON, S.E.
<del>Margaret E.</del>	"	<del>4.19.16</del>	"	
<del> Evelyn J.</del>	"	<del>9.1.18</del>	"	
<del>Olive M.</del>	"	<del>5.19</del>	"	
<del>Patricia M.</del>	"	<del>17.9.22</del>	"	
Bateman, Gladys.	Unknown.	20.12.08	Oxford.	
Bird, Rose S. M.	W. Malvern.	12.11.09	North Malvern.	
Budgen, Emily M.	Forest Row.	20. 3.10	B. Grinstead.	
Carpenter, Laura A.	Salisbury.	23. 7.10	Salisbury.	
Clarke, Beatrice M.	Milford Haven.	8. 1.10	Portsea.	
<del>Deakin, Josephine</del>	<del>N. Shields.</del>	<del>22. 8.08</del>	<del>North Shields.</del>	
Darham, Hilda M.	Peterboro.	25. 3.10	Ripon.	
Gale, Ellen.	B. Ilsley.	27.12.09	Shaw, Newbury.	
<del>Evans, Violet M.</del>	<del>Unknown.</del>	<del>2.12.09</del>	<del>Haywards Heath.</del>	
Kidman, Lillian I.D.	London, N.	20. 9.09.	Hornsey Rd., N.	

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NAME OF CHILD.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE RECEPTION BY SOCIETY.	SOCIETY'S FORWARDING
✓ Levitt, Doris M.	Marylebone.	16.2.10	Caterham.	CHURCH OF ENGLAND WAIFS & STRAYS SOCIETY. OLD TOWN HALL, KENNINGTON ROAD, LONDON, S.E.
<del>Merrington, Mary</del>	<del>Beckham</del>	<del>28.3.09</del>	<del>Beckham</del>	
✓ Oakley, Margaret	Woolwich.	12.4.09	Charlton.	
✓ Osborne, Alice A.	Kennington.	1.7.10	Gt. Maplestead.	
✓ Pell, Isabel L.	Deptford.	23.6.09	Deptford.	
<del>Powell, Ivy M.</del>	<del>Spoken</del>	<del>28.3.09</del>	<del>Spoken, Newburg.</del>	
✓ Rouse, Florence R.	Shipston.	1.5.09	Hammersmith.	
✓ Smith, Queenie L.	? Groydon.	11.8.10	S. Wimbledon.	
✓ Spall, Margaret I.	Walthamstow.	5.2.10	Horton.	
✓ Taylor, Violet E.	Treherbert.	31.5.08	Welshpool.	
✓ Tottie, Elizabeth	Leeds.	29.2.10	Leeds.	
<del>Townsend, May M.K.</del>	<del>Gillingham</del>	<del>29.5.10</del>	<del>London, N.W.4.</del>	
<del>Tuck, Dorothy I.</del>	<del>Bulham</del>	<del>21.1.09</del>	<del>W. Kensington.</del>	
✓ Wilson, Constance M.	Marylebone.	31.5.10	Battersea.	

I certify that the children whose names appear on this list are not Reformatory or Industrial School, or Poor Law, Children, except those..... in number, whose names are marked "X" and in respect of whom no contribution is payable out of Public Funds.

Date: 20th May 1925

Signature: A. J. Westcott  
Secretary.  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND WAIFS & STRAYS SOCIETY.

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being.....children at £14 10s. 0d. = £.....  
covered by Official Cheque No..... Series 1924-25.

I hereby certify that the above named children seventeen in number, are of a desirable class and were duly placed on board the SS. "Megantic" in charge of Mrs. P. Timbrell

Date: 12th June 1925  
F. W. Kerr  
Canadian Government Emigration Agent

I hereby certify that the above named children arrived on the SS. Megantic on the 27th day of June 1925  
Date: 27th June 1925  
J. P. Matthews  
Dominion Immigration Agent

This form, in quadruplicate, should be handed to the Dominion Immigration Agent at port of landing for transmission to the Department of Immigration and Colonization, Ottawa.

P.C. & B. 124224

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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION.

Immigration Agency.

LIST OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ON BOARD

Letter No. ....

SS. "MORGANTIC"  
Leaving LIVERPOOL on 18th June, 1925.  
Arriving at .. on .. 19 ..

Letter No. ....

Reference No. ....

Reference No. ....

Agent for The Church of England Waifs & Strays Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, S. E. 11.  
having a Receiving and Distributing Home at TORONTO, Ontario.

do solemnly declare that the (No.) 5 (five) children named in the following list are brought out under the authority of the Minister of Health of Great Britain, for the purpose of settling in Canada, that they are British subjects who have been resident in Great Britain for a period of at least six months prior to embarkation, and that they have passed a satisfactory medical inspection at the port of departure; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of *The Canada Evidence Act.*

(Signature) *Shackie Lambrell*

Declared before me

at Quebec this 20th day of June A.D. 1925

(Signature) *J. P. O. Brathwaite*

Dominion Immigration Agent

NAME OF CHILD.	DATE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	POOR LAW OR UNION SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE CHILD ORIGINALLY CAME.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Belshaw, Dorothy.</u>	<u>27.11.08</u>	<u>Unknown.</u>	<u>St. Albans Union.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del><u>Sunnett, Irene M.</u></del>	<del><u>24. 8. 08</u></del>	<del><u>Epsom.</u></del>	<del><u>Epsom Union.</u></del>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Mynott, Ellen M. M.</u>	<u>4. 5. 10</u>	<u>Islington.</u>	<u>St. Mary, Islington Union.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Reed, Lily A.</u>	<u>4. 6. 10</u>	<u>Pit Mills.</u>	<u>Williton Union.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>White, Ethel A.</u>	<u>13.11.09</u>	<u>Heckingham.</u>	<u>Loddon &amp; Clavering Union.</u>

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SUPERVISOR JUVENILE IMMIGRATION  
RECEIVED  
JUN 23 1925  
*Cards made*

September 30th, 1925.

ELIZABETH RITE HOME,  
665 Huron Street,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

On the last instant I paid an official visit of inspection at the above Home. There were in residence three girls all of whom were in employment in the Home, two in regular service, and one temporarily employed, whilst awaiting return to England. This latter had been at the Home since February last, having previously been in service. She is undoubtedly much inferior in type to the average of the girls sent out - of rather frail physique, I judge, and not bright and alert. The decision to return her to the Old Country will be in her best interest, as in my opinion she is not a type of girl who would be able to look after herself if placed on her own initiative. Altogether I learned that at this date the Society has 77 girls in service in Canada, and they are located chiefly in Toronto. The ages of their wards vary from 15 to 19 years. This number are under the direct supervision of the Organisation. Three girls have been returned to England as failures during the past six months. Each girl migrated to Canada is required to refund the Society the sum of \$20.00 to cover cost of outfits - deductions to this end are made monthly at the rate of \$5.00 per month. \$5.50 is given outright to the girl for spending money and one half or \$7.50 of the monthly wage is deposited in a savings bank in trust, and held by the Society during the period under which the girl will be under their control and supervision. The girls are placed out at an initial wage of \$15.00 per month. The work of placing the girls is denominational and consequently restricted to Church of England homes. There have been several changes in the position of Matron of this Home, during the past 18 months. The cause I learned to have been more or less privately due to a clash of authority between some of the local advisory committee and the person occupying the position of Matron. It is proposed, however, to send an experienced woman from the Old Country to take sole charge of the work at an early date.

I made an inspection of the Home and found it in splendid order throughout, neatly kept and comfortably furnished, and with every detail suitably provided for the girls' comfort and safety during their sojourn there. As is more often the case, I judge it not to be any exception with local committees in charge, only one or two members have assumed the responsibility of the duties involved, and much of the work has, as a result, fallen on one particular member, whom I know to have been very zealous in the interest of the girls, their visitation and placement, etc. The Parent Organisation in London has sent Rev. Rowland W. Connor to Canada to investigate the work already done by this Committee and to report upon the activities of this Home, with the view of deciding upon the future policy to be followed in respect to the migration of girls by them. I had

-the pleasure-

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the pleasure of meeting Rev. Mr. Connor and his wife today at 661 Huron Street. The result of our conversation leads me to the conclusion that Rev. Mr. Connor was rather disappointed, to say the least, at the manner in which the work of the Home has lately been going forward. He has, therefore, recommended by cable to his principals, the dissolution of the local committee and the appointment of a Matron of experience to take over the management of the work. Mr. Connor expressed the opinion that in future, if the work is to be continued, no girls under the age of 17 years should be sent out, as there are in his opinion advantages just as good for their girls in the Old Country as in Canada. He further felt that Mistresses in Canada were perhaps not as considerate to the girls as they should be, and were inclined to find fault, which was frequently based on matters which might be considered trivial. Mr. Connor was also in considerable doubt as to the wisdom of the location of the Home in Toronto, believing, as he intimated, in the event of the work being continued that a Home in a smaller centre of population than Toronto might be more advantageous. In short Mr. Connor's view of migration for girls to Canada of the age they have been migrating them, and the class of homes open to them was not advantageous to the former. Mr. Connor proposes to report to the society upon the whole situation as it appeared to him. Meantime, Mrs. Connor will remain in charge of the Home pending the arrival of a Matron from England.

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The Elizabeth Rye Home,  
Huron Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
Visited, 14th November, 1925.

There are 72 girls under the supervision of this home. All are in domestic service at the following places:-

1924 Arrivals.

Schomberg	1	County of York,
Toronto (city)	34	" " "
Barrie	1	County of Simcoe,
Bradford	2	" " "
Alliston	1	" " "
Penetanguish'ne	1	" " "
Ingersoll	1	County of Oxford,
St.Catharines	1	County of Lincoln.

1925 Arrivals.

Toronto (city)	26	County of York
Port Credit	1	County of Peel
Oakville	1	County of Halton
Barrie	1	County of Simcoe

The average age of the above girls is 17. Their wages vary from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per month. There were no girls in the Home today except two, who are permanently employed as house and kitchen maids, respectively. The Matron informed me that their relations with the girls are cordial and that the girls keep in touch with the Home. On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons those in service in Toronto visit the Home and have tea, music, etc. with the matron. The health of their wards is uniformly good the matron reports. None of the girls are in public institutions or in boarding houses, all are at work and giving a good measure of satisfaction. 60 of their number are 17 years of age and younger, and their migration was effected under the British Overseas Settlement Act. 12 were over 17 and ineligible under the above Act. Three girls of the total number brought to Canada have been returned to the Old Country. They were over 17. None of these girls have been lost track of. All prospective homes and situations are visited before placement. If a girl is dissatisfied with her place she is visited by the Matron. Under agreement with Mistresses each girl has one afternoon per week off, and every other Sunday afternoon. Applications are in excess of the number of girls available.

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The present matron, an official of the Gibb Home, Sherbrooke, P.Q., has been acting in that capacity temporarily. She will be succeeded by an official of the Society, who is at the moment enroute to Canada from England. As on my previous visit the Home throughout was in good order. I pointed out to the Matron that complete records of each visit to their girls should be kept on file at the Home for the inspection of the Department. This I found has not been done, especially in the case of their visitors' reports, which I learned were sent to the Head Office at London.

*Agnes Martin*

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## Elizabeth Rye Home

Telephone: Hillcrest 3333

Headquarters Office,  
661 Huron Street,  
Toronto.

### CANADIAN BRANCH.

#### Memorandum of Conditions Upon Which Girls are Placed Out.

1. Under the Provincial Statute, by which the work of the Home is authorized and conducted, all children placed out under the control of the Manager of the Homes and those representing the Institutions in Canada are invested with full powers of guardianship, and are required "for the protection of the persons and earnings of the children" to exercise the duties and responsibilities of guardians.
2. The terms upon which girls are placed vary in accordance with their age, size, capabilities, the character of the situation and the position they will occupy in the households into which they are received. It is recognized that they must work to earn their livelihood, and it is sought to secure for them good homes, fair wages, and reasonable conditions of employment.
3. If a girl has to share bed-room, a separate bed must be provided. If alone, a key or suitable fastener for door.
4. In the case of girls of 14 years and upwards, the monthly wage will be fixed in accordance with what seems a fair remuneration for their services, having regard to their experience and also to the demand for domestic help and the current rate of wages throughout the country. The wages range from ten dollars and upwards per month. No proposal to pay less than ten dollars a month to a girl over fourteen will be entertained. Caps and aprons to be provided by employers in all cases.
5. Wages must be paid to the Home, twenty dollars is charged for outfit, being deducted from wage at five dollars per month, half of balance is banked in a Trust Account in the girl's name, after outfit is paid for, half of wage is banked. Where a girl is placed outside city limits, a careful record must be kept of any expenditures for clothes, pocket money, or other necessities, never exceeding half of earnings. A certified statement signed by the girl, must be rendered monthly. This girl is not to be out later than \_\_\_\_\_ unless by special permission. This girl must be allowed Church privileges, Communion at least once a month. railway ticket, all travelling expenses must be paid by employer.
6. Hospital and Medical expenses must not be incurred (unless in case of emergency), on girl's behalf, except with the consent of the Elizabeth Rye Home.
7. Employers desiring to terminate engagements, must give two weeks' notice in writing (not by telephone or telegram), addressed to Elizabeth Rye Home, 661 Huron Street, Toronto. Any person who has received a child from this institution, and is, from any cause, unable or unwilling to keep such girl, must return the child, at his or her own expense.
8. The right is reserved to the Representatives of the Home to remove any girl summarily and without notice if it should be considered necessary, although such action would only be resorted to, under exceptional circumstances. Corporal punishment is contrary to the Law.
9. Each girl will be periodically visited by a lady representative of the Home, and it is expected that every facility will be afforded to the Visitor for making such inspection and enquiry as to the girl's surroundings, clothing and condition as she may consider necessary. Should the mistress be absent the girl must be left in charge of a responsible women.
10. Applications must be made on the attached form for the purpose. The person whose name is given for reference will be communicated with as soon as the form is returned.
11. No registration fee is charged, but any donation will be gratefully received.
12. Applicants must be members of Church of England.

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29. Lambly Ave  
Fresno.

April 4/33

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Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo  
addressed to me at 18 Hazelton Ave  
received. The Page Home 661. Howard  
was closed on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1932.  
I was retained as Supervisor of the  
Jobs until Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1933, when  
everything was closed down & the  
jobs were allowed to go their own  
way. All files & records sent  
to Head Office of the Society in  
London England. But I would  
say the number of applications  
from April 1. 1932. until I left  
the Society end of Jan. 1933  
would average about 50. No doubt  
I would have had more had the Home  
still been open as there is always  
a demand for these jobs.

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F.C. Blair

Dear Mr. Blair.

I owe you many apologies  
for not acknowledging your  
kind letter re Elizabeth Ryg Home.

May I tell you in explanation  
that the day after I wrote to  
you I went into my husband's  
room and found him unconscious  
& unable to speak or swallow -  
in which condition he remained  
for twenty four hours. The  
doctors say it is encephalitis. He

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is still completely an invalid.

It was very good of you to explain so fully the situation.

We were disappointed to find that at bottom our position is so precarious. In consequence

of that & of my husband's illness <sup>who was on solicitor</sup> we felt obliged to drop the case. I sent <sup>a copy of</sup> your letter to Dr. Westcott.

I think we are going to recommend him to discontinue the supervision of girls over

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eighteen, as if they really can  
do just what they like it seems  
an unnecessary expense to  
the English Society.

As all the Elizabeth Pye girls  
(except one who did not come  
out from the English Home but  
came to join her sister) are now  
well over eighteen this would  
mean that our supervisors would  
be dismissed after three months  
notice if the Headquarters agree.

We are having a meeting next  
week to discuss this. May I  
have a letter from you before that

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if you would disapprove  
of the action?

Yours sincerely

Ethel M. Crooks

Chairman Elizabeth Rye Committee  
84 Woodlawn Ave. E.

Toronto 5-

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1932.

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SECRETARY: THE REV. A. J. WESTCOTT, D.D.

THE RYE HOME 79 Walker Avenue,  
661 HURON STREET,  
TORONTO 5, CANADA

January 20th, 1932.

TELEPHONE  
KINGSDALE 3333 Kingsdale 9649.

G. Bogue-Smart, Esq.,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Bogue-Smart,

The Elizabeth Rye Home closed down on January 15th.

I have been retained as Supervisor of the Girls' to look after their interests. From time to time I shall send you the card of their changes of address as heretofore, and should you wish to send any communications to me the above address will find me.

Yours sincerely,

*M. Graham*  
Supervisor.

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18th January 1932.

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Dear Dr. Westcott,

I am just in receipt of yours of the 30th ultimo in reference to your visit to Canada and what transpired.

I think you have made a verywise move in closing the Toronto Home since it was so little used.

Miss Graham will, of course, have to make such arrangements as she finds necessary for the temporary accommodation of girls who require such care. I heard, through our Miss Burnham, shortly after our conversation in Ottawa, that the impression had got abroad that the Women's Hostel in Toronto was to be regarded as the centre for your girls and that they would be obliged to give them accommodation and care for them. I pointed out at once that their fears in this respect were groundless and that all that had been discussed was the possibility of your girls using the hostel the same as other girls. The Women's Hostel is, of course, not a place where trouble must be looked after in some other institution designed for that purpose. I think you will remember my suggestion that if Miss Lightbourne, whom you then had in mind, was employed, she could, doubtless, make local arrangements with the various institutions for the care of difficult case.

Miss Lightbourne told me that instead of there being about 80 girls in Toronto and district, there were really only about a score and that the number was so small that the proposed arrangement had fallen through. This is, of course, quite understood by us.

We will be glad to co-operate with Miss Graham in any way possible and I am sure her difficulties will not be numerous in view of the small number of girls that have now to be looked after.

With regard to the movement of boys this year, I may say that I heard from Mr. Keeley just at the end of the year....

Rev. A. J. Westcott, D.D.,  
Secretary,  
The Church of England Homes for Waifs and Strays,  
London. S.E.11, ENGLAND.

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Extract from letter received from Mrs. M. Barr, Elizabeth Rye home,  
Toronto, dated the 27th January, 1926.

Original on file #226664.

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Re Banking - The system of banking at this home is as follows:

Cheques are made payable to the home. Half girl's earnings are banked in their name. Each girl has a separate banking account. Receipts are given for amount banked. Bank slips are made out at the same time. A ledger is kept showing the deposit for each girl each month. On the first of January a sheet was put up in the home showing each girl's balance, interest, etc. To each of the girls living outside the city I am sending the statement amount of their balance, with the receipt for January bank money. If the girls take the trouble to keep their receipts they can tell very quickly how much they have at credit. The whole system is open to inspection at any time.

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THE ELIZABETH RYE HOME  
661 Huron Street, Toronto.

On the 4th September I made my periodical visit of inspection at this institution and reviewed the work of the Home to date. The Society had not sent any girls to Canada this year, as yet, but it is anticipated that a small party may accompany the new Matron, who is expected to arrive from England to take over the management of the Home in October. Mrs. H.M. Barr, the present acting matron, an English lady of experience in the work of the Society in the Old Country, came to spend a year and to study conditions and opportunities for girls here, and her mission having been accomplished she expects to return to her duties in England.

There were four girls in residence and engaged in the necessary work of the house, receiving training in cookery and other domestic service. Their appearance was pleasing. All were tidy and suitably attired in keeping with their position. A friendly relationship exists between the Matron and the girls, who are in service in Toronto and the suburbs. The girls visit the Home, with the permission of their mistresses, frequently, for tea and various forms of amusement when off duty.

The activities of this institution during the past month may be thus condensed.

Six girls were replaced for various reasons. On the 31st August four girls were in residence, - One for a holiday rest; one who had been at the Girl Guides Camp was under treatment for a swollen foot; two changing places, and three were receiving medical treatment. Their health, conduct and general progress have been good the matron stated.

The girls in service are receiving wages varying from \$12.00 to \$30.00 per month. The work of this Agency has now been in operation about two years and 70 girls to date have been received from England and placed in Toronto, the County of York and other adjacent districts, within convenient reach of Toronto.

The total aggregate savings in two years of the girls' Bank balances have reached the sum of \$8,000.

The inspection work for the year was well advanced, and I read 40 reports of visits made within a few weeks to the girls in their situations by the matron, and observed that the behaviour and progress of the girls, with few exceptions, was generally satisfactory.

The Home was in good order throughout. The quarters set apart for the girls are in no way detached from those quarters occupied by the Matron and Staff.

It may be mentioned that the Bishop of London visited the Home a few days before my inspection.

*Agnes Smart*

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601 HURON ST. JUVENILE IMMIGRATION  
TORONTO, CANADA

Oct 6 - 5 '26

Box E (girls)

Dear Colonel Smart

OCT 7 1926

This is just to let you know that Mr. Chamberlain of the Welfare Hostel 128 Pembroke Ave. Toronto, has been to me today & told me that very adverse criticisms are being circulated about the Home here - Knowing how keenly you are interested in anything detrimental to juvenile Immigration, I thought it as well to let you know. I think our next-door neighbour is probably responsible - but no doubt you will know if it reaches you how to deal with the matter.

Thanking you for all your kind & loyal help in the past.  
Yours very sincerely  
Majors Barr.

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