QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR DEPARTMENT OF AMERICANIZATION
OF THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Name of Community: New Brunswick, N.J.  
Population: 32,779 (Census of 1920)  
What is the Foreign-born population of your Community? See Census report that is sent separately.  
What is the proportion of the different races represented?  

In this Community what is being done for the foreign-born, non-English speaking men and women?  
1st—By the Churches? Practically nothing.  

2nd—By the Schools? About all that is done. See school reports sent separately.  

3rd—By Social Settlements? Social and educational clubs and vacant-lot gardens for men, chiefly Italians, by our only settlement, the Neighborhood House.  

4th—By Clubs, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., etc? As yet we have no Y.W.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. secretary says that organization was told to keep its hands off, and it does. This was told me confidentially, but I would not like to be quoted.  

How many Classes in English are maintained?  
Is there any plan for teaching English to the women in their homes or in small neighborhood groups? Yes, by the public schools, but with scant success owing to difficulty of interesting the women, most of whom work in factories or have small children, they cannot leave or take about with them.  

Is any suitable recreation provided for this class of women; if so, state what form? Nothing, beyond what the Neighborhood House does.  

Any substitute for the saloon provided for the men; if so, what is it? None.
Is there an employment bureau or any means of providing work for those who need it?

No, probably not needed since the people, especially the women have no difficulty in finding work.

Is there proper supervision of mid-wives? We have a very good Board of Health to do this.

Proper birth registration? Yes.

Pre-natal clinics? Yes, at Middlesex General Hospital.

Baby clinics? Yes, at hospital and at least one, perhaps more, schools.

A system of follow-up work for mothers and babies? Only by the County Anti-Tuberculosis League, in charge of one, one of the hospital clinics.

Are there enough Public Schools to accommodate the children comfortably and with proper ventilation and safety from fire? Yes, so far as I can ascertain.

Are there special classes for children undeveloped physically? See school reports.

Classes for the mentally sub-normal? See school reports.

How many?

Proper supervision of all children to prevent contagious diseases? Yes.

How many public playgrounds are there? 4 good ones, besides school playgrounds.

What proportion of the children are in parochial schools? Cannot find out, but only 3-4% of...

Is English taught in these schools? Yes. Italians are in the public schools, 25-30%.

Is there any effort to teach English to the foreign children by means of story-telling, games, etc?

Not that I know of. Hungarian children attend the public schools.

How many Recreation centres are there under proper supervision? All are under supervision.

Are there organizations for mutual pleasure and improvement such as Boy and Girl Scouts, etc? Yes, both. Good, girl scout troops of foreign speaking girls.

Is there Community singing? I don't know all I know about.

Are there women protective officers? No but greatly needed.

Are there means for the detection of and treatment for venereal diseases? Yes, at clinic at the Middlesex Hospital.

Is there any suitable education in Social Hygiene being given to the young people?

Not that I know of.

Is there an organization like the League of Women Voters to teach good citizenship to the foreigner and concerned with legislation for his benefit? Yes, the New Brunswick League. The League of W.F., of North Brunswick Township, which I belong to has done some work among the great number of foreigners in our township, such as advising them to take out citizenship papers and telling them how to go over.
about it. Last year we tried to interest the women in the League but without very much success. We find the best xxx thing is to visit them in a friendly way, help them in any way possible, and so win their confidence. In the last election they voted with the women, very generally. We went around, beforehand, and asked if they cared to have a woman call for them and what would be the most convenient hour. Every one said yes, to please come for they felt "ashamed" to go alone among so many men. We saw to it that each car had a League woman in it and that the foreign women were called for at the time designated. Since then they seem to feel much closer to us. We are planning to take some sort of action toward forming classes for both men and women (foreign) in our township. A decision is likely to be reached at our next meeting, Dec. 22, the first since our annual election of officers.