

Domestic Science Education

The Hamilton Spectator printed a letter, which addressed the need for a cooking school in Hamilton.

"I hear so many married ladies complaining of their servants' cooking, and saying they cannot instruct them, as they know very little about it themselves, that I have come to the conclusion that a systemic cooking school is needed in this city at the present time, where old and young, maid and mistress, may learn the principles of good cooking. Will not some one of these "queens of cooking art" open a school in this city, for I am sure from the laments I hear on all sides it would be well patronized."

By 1893, the Hamilton YWCA opened a school for instruction on scientific household management. In conjunction with the opening of the school, the YWCA, under the leadership of Adelaide Hoodless, made a proposal to the Hamilton Board of Education to finance this undertaking, or at least include it in the curriculum.

In 1899, the YWCA enlarged the building to better accommodate its students, and also the Ontario Normal School of Domestic Science and Art.



Immigrants for domestic service. Quebec, P.Q., 1911.
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