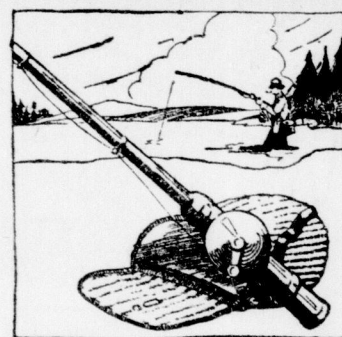




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"ALL SHOULD WORK"

By ALBERT DAWSON.
Special to The Advertiser.
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London, England, June 13.—Canadians who were guests at one of the biggest and swaggiest of London's hotels some years ago often had a friendly word to spare for a certain housemaid. To them she may or may not have appeared just the ordinary type of London slavey. Some of the more observant of them may have sized her up as superior to her drudgery, but probably not even the most sympathetic (and the housemaid of those days declares that it was only from Canadian visitors that she ever got a kindly word) gained the slightest inkling of the truth about her.

They never suspected that in this housemaid they saw one of the most ardent and intellectual women reformers in Great Britain—a lady by birth and upbringing, who had taken a situation in this hotel to obtain first-hand knowledge of the life of the girls she was seeking to organize. They could not foresee that today this woman, Miss Dorothy Jewson, would be a member of parliament, and high in the councils of the Labor party and a possible cabinet minister of the future. For at the last general election she romped in at the head of the poll for the City of Norwich, receiving some thousands more votes than any other woman candidate throughout Great Britain. Lady Astor coming second. Her victory was a surprise.

Born 40 years ago, in the shelter and amplitude of a stable English middle-class home—she has a private income—Dorothy Jewson belongs to a family that has given the ancient City of Norwich aldermen and lord mayors.

Graduate in Classics.

She had a classical education, but when the war broke out and unemployment became rife among the women workers of Norwich, she trained local girls to make toys and ran a factory with marked success.

Two years later she started organizing ill-paid women in trade unions. She rapidly developed as a public speaker and excels at heckling time.

On the day when she took her seat in the House of Commons, Miss Jewson rose early in the morning in her little flat near St. Pancras, one of 50 in a block of tenements, and insisted on doing her share of the housework.

"I believe that everyone should work for a living," she says. "I have tried to act on that belief. Every boy and girl should have the same opportunities I had."

"To obtain first-hand knowledge of the life of the girls I was seeking to organize, I took a situation in a large London hotel. For four weeks I lived as a housemaid."

"Some members of the National Union of General Workers had given bad reports of the conditions. The hotel in which I worked was fitted up with every luxury, telephones, pile carpets, marble pillars. The staff quarters, however, were miserable, filthy places."

"As a housemaid I was the lowest in the scale of the female staff. The



DOROTHY JEWSON, M.P.

daughter of upper class family, organizer of women workers, who sits in the British House of Commons as one of the eight women members elected when the Labor party came into power.

servants ate their meals in one of the basements which had no window, and in which the washing-up was done at an open sink. Once I put an apple in a paper bag on the floor of my bedroom, and within two minutes mice were eating it. There was dirt on the floors, but in the visitors' part of the hotel we had to keep the marble spotless.

"Worse Off Than Horses."

"When from the gallery in the House of Lords I looked on at the opening of parliament and saw the peers and peeresses in their rich robes, my mind went to the dwellers in the slums, the out-of-work, the underpaid, the ill-fed, the overburdened woman, and the swarms of children in our great cities who are much worse off than the horses and dogs in rich people's stables. We have to convince people that the existing social system must be altered."

"More must be done for unemployed women. Not a penny of the £20,000,000 voted for the relief of unemployment went to provide work for women."

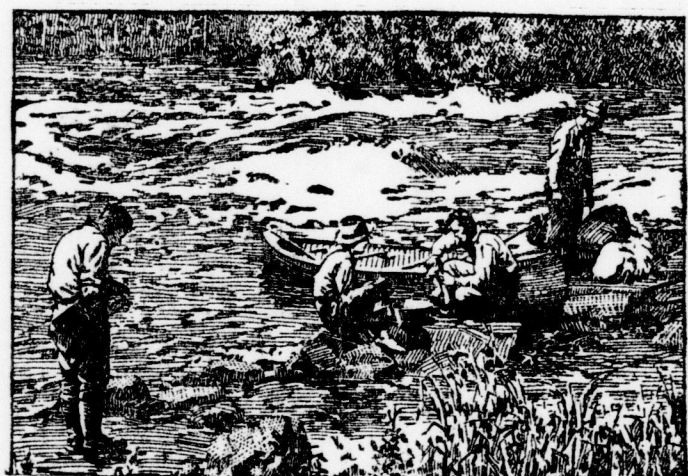
"The present rate of infant mortality is appalling. Official statistics show that in this country 77 out of every 1,000 children die within a year of their birth. In New Zealand the rate is 46 per 1,000. Of the children born in England 90 per cent are healthy, but by the time they reach school age 42 per cent suffer from physical defects."

"In 1922 some 4,000 women died in childbirth."

"Nearly all these deaths might be prevented by right feeding, proper attention and healthy surroundings. Some phases of our social life are the very opposite of real civilization."

Although she has a small private income, Miss Jewson's purse is frequently empty. Many a time she has walked home from a meeting because she has given her money to someone who needed it more than herself. She even gives her clothes away.

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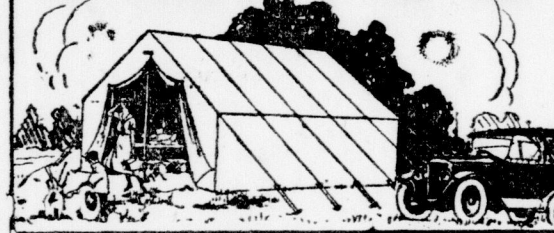
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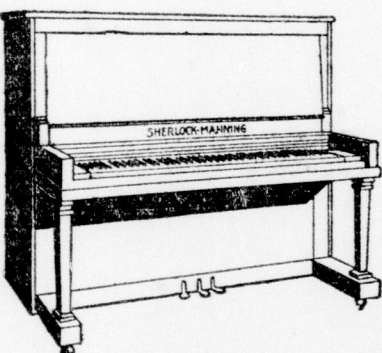
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