

part of home makers. Every nation is realizing that its whole citizenship, occupation by occupation, is being tested to the utmost. The whole-hearted effort of Canadian women is essential if the high standards of living in Canada are to be maintained.

Not only are the Governments of other leading Allied countries making extensive and carefully thought-out preparations for trade expansion, but the people of these countries are coming to such a determination to make good the ravages of war that it can be compared only to a silent and irrevocable vow. War has taught them what they are capable of, what they can do, how they can work, to what extraordinary feats human intelligence can be brought when driven by necessity. Production and thrift, energy, vision, education and hard work are the programme of every nation. What we need to do in Canada is what our soldiers have done and are doing, carrying on in the vanguard never less than equals of the best.

CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL

The Canadian woman elector must become an active helper in national productive efficiency. Merely to refrain from definite economic thought and action, or from becoming as personally efficient as is within our power, is to fail the country. The only safety for the future is in a common unity, based on fair

dealing, justice and a fair opportunity for all, supported by the honest best work and intelligence of every citizen. These are political, social and economic questions which, one is certain, the woman elector will not fail to learn by heart. The world is to be made safe for democracy, but the world must be made safe for family life which is another, perhaps better, word for democracy.

Expectation of intelligent help from Canadian women in the problems of reconstruction is justified. There has never been any division between men and women in Canada. No one is as proud of the part Canadian men have taken in the war as Canadian women. The men of Canada have been as profoundly moved by the labours and sacrifices of their countrywomen. The war has revealed inexhaustible reserves of national character. It is a natural conviction that enfranchised Canadian women will apply themselves intelligently and with energy to the basic economic problems of national existence, production, the development of natural resources, the compensating balance of industries, national solvency, export trade, education, and a fair economic standard of living for all which cannot be secured except through the solution of the first named problems. It is only through the help of women that the future can be made secure. The co-operation of Canadian women in industrial life and reconstruction is indispensable.