

PREFACE.

In the summer of 1918, the Canadian Reconstruction Association offered post-graduate scholarships for economic research to McGill University, the University of Toronto, and the University of Manitoba. The scholarships were to be held by women graduates of Canadian universities and the subjects for investigation were to be connected with the home-making or the industrial employments of women. Miss Price's interesting and able thesis on "The Changes in the Industrial Occupations of Women in the Environment of Montreal during the War Period, 1914-1918" is the first published result of these economic studies.

The scholarships were offered in the belief that the careful, sympathetic and trained investigation of women's work by women graduates is one of the most effective methods by which the economic and industrial well-being of women may be secured. The data collected and presented will lead, it is believed, to further study and a clearer understanding of women's employments. We have learned during the past five years some part of what may be achieved in the increased volume of industrial output by unity of purpose and effort. Learning to understand each other's work and working conditions is even more essential to progress. It is for this reason specially that Miss Price's thesis is commended to Canadian women, and to those in particular who are university graduates.

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