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workers, both men and women, keep right on pointing out the advantages of having well qualified women as trustees and the Council have sent several petitions for the necessary amendment to the school law.

The refusal of the Bar Association of Quebec to allow Mrs. Langstaff to practise law in that province was a great surprise and was rather a setback to other women law students. The Provincial Court of Appeal sustains the view that only men can practise law in that province, the law styles candidates "persons" and not especially "men." This decision by the Bar aroused a perfect storm of protest from both men and women, and the National Council of Women of Montreal authorized Professor Derrick, a past President of the Council and President of the Montreal Suffrage Association, to call a public meeting in the interests of Mrs. Langstaff. A huge meeting of the ablest men and women of the various professions met and strong resolutions were passed, approving of the entrance of women into the learned professions, and a request to the Legislature that the necessary amendments be made to existing laws to allow women to practise on the same terms as men, notwithstanding many disappointments in the effort to be recognized as "persons."

That women's work is being recognized as of great value is proven by the requests of the Citizens' Association, beginning in 1910 and since repeated that the women should assist them in bettering Municipal conditions.

The women of the National Council, the W.C.T.U., the Federation Nationale and various others organized and made a successful effort to get the women voters out in support of candidates who stood for reform. The women had hundreds of workers and wrote and personally visited all of the 3,000 English women voters and many of the 5,000 French, with most gratifying results to the reform candidates and a new era of purer civic life was entered upon.

This work of the women convinced many men of the propriety and the advantage of women having civic and political rights and proved Miss Derrick's frequent statement that "men and women must go forward together since their destinies are one."

The Citizens' Association makes the following statement: "The co-operation of the women voters was found invaluable. The staff of volunteer workers from the different societies, aided in bringing about a thorough reform of our civic life. To all and each of these brave companions of our campaign, we beg to offer our deep and sincere thanks."

The Montreal women thru the Council and the Suffrage Association have done excellent missionary work by their courses of lectures in the city and in other towns. The subjects taken up are worthy of attention in every community:—

- "The Property of Married Women."
- "Women in Commerce and Industry."
- "Women and Citizenship."
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- "Civil Rights."
- "Social Legislation and Philanthropy."
- "The Law of the Household."

The enormous amount of work accomplished by this brilliant woman and its effect in the changing and moulding of public opinion, in a city not easily moved, has given Montreal a name for advanced thought, that has travelled home to France, where in a book called "Feminine Initiative," the French women are called upon to imitate the "Courage Civique" of the women of Montreal!

In concluding this very hazy sketch of Miss Derrick's almost innumerable activities, let us endorse her cherished hope that the women of this country should set their thoughts on something higher and greater than mere social advancement, or that they should bend this ambition, which has its good and useful side, to the accomplishment of great and worthy ends, using their power and social opportunity for the blessing and harmonizing of the diverse elements which go to make up the people—that we may become in very truth one nation.—Everywoman's World.