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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,  
The Senate, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

When I was in Ottawa the first week of this month I spent some time in urging upon the Government the need for some department of Government or other facility being created to deal with the need of directing the war efforts of Canadian women. Need for this work was frankly admitted, but it will now, I am given to understand, be undertaken by the newly created War Service Department.

For the past six years I have directed in Canada the Research and Consumer Education Department of Household Finance Corporation, and have brought out here, for them, more than a dozen bulletins dealing with commodity buying, household management of money, knowledge of food values, nutritional problems, textile recognition and education, and clothing problems. This work has kept me in close touch during this Government's tenure of office and that of Mr. Bennett, with various departments of the Dominion Government and the work they are doing. It has also brought me into a close and very friendly contact with teachers, provincial governments, women's organizations and church and other study groups across Canada.

I am, therefore applying, as soon as the Minister of the War Service Department is named, to be taken into that department to deal with the practical organizing and aiding of Canadian women to do a real war service job. We can do it; we want to do it; we have a right to be allowed to be partners of Government in this work, and I feel that I can bring a unique, practical and constructive ability to the work.

My journalistic experience of more than twenty-five years should also be an asset in this work, as well as my public speaking experience which could be utilized from time to time as needed. I am sending to you today several of the bulletins for the appearance of which in Canada I have been responsible, and hope you will not mind if I give your name as a reference in my application. I would certainly try to see that women were given some real chance to do the work of conservation, salvage and preservation which must be done... as well as undertaking training for civilian work which must not longer be simply talked about.

With kind personal regards and gratitude for past courtesies,

Very sincerely yours,

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