

WHAT SHALL I DO NOW?

How to work for Canada in Peace.

To find the best employment is part of our war readjustment. Sometimes it seems to us now as if it had been easy to make a choice of work in war. Choosing an employment in peace may appear sometimes more difficult. But Canadian women as the result of war activities are endeavoring to fix a new standard of national service in all their employments, and this can be done without sacrificing the best interests of the individual.

Canada needs the service of her women workers. The productive worker and the necessary worker are in reality national servants. This principle possibly has never been realized by nations as it ought to have been. A brief review of important employments for women may enable the munition worker, the woman in other war activities, the girl entering employment from school, and women workers in general, to take each her own individual part in the great work of reconstruction.

The munition worker. The majority of munition workers came from other employments. Numbers of women, however, earned their first pay in war plants. Many were from country homes; others were married women. Thus there are several classes of munition workers. Numbers have rejoined their former occupations and are satisfied. Country girls in many cases have gone home. The majority of married women who were munition workers probably are looking after their homes and taking care of their children. No other work that a woman can do is as important to Canada as making a home and taking care of children. Still, a certain percentage of former munition workers either do not wish to return to any employment in which they were prior to the war, or, having worked for the first time in munitions, they desire to continue in paid employment.

A word of advice to munition workers: Keep a certified statement of your service in munitions. This official record is your due, and is an honor to you. It may prove of assistance when you are looking for employment.