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1918. If there was a district the people of which traded in Brandon, but which did not have a women's organization of some kind, that district was asked to appoint a woman to represent it on the board. The organizations represented were the Home Economics societies in the district, the Women Grain Growers of the district, the Red Cross, the L.D.E., the Willing Workers and the Missionary societies. Each municipal council was asked to name one of its members to represent it on the rest room-board. The board then elected its officers and its board of directors. The board drafted a resolution stating the great need of such a rest room, and asking the various rural municipalities and the city council for grants of money for its maintenance. They put their case clearly. They asked that some place be established where the town and country women might go to rest while shopping, where country women might have their parcels sent, etc. The resolution was submitted to the city council and to the various rural municipalities. The result was that the five municipalities bordering on Brandon gave grants of money aggregating \$625. The merchants of the city subscribed \$600. When the merchants learned of the resolution they gave their hearty support, and the women their co-operation. The country women subscribed over \$300 and the city council agreed to give \$100 towards its establishment. A refreshment booth was conducted at the Grain Growers' picnic at the Experimental Farm, and \$160 was cleared. The women rented the upstairs of their building to the Serbian Relief Committee to serve meals during fair week, and made a sum of money this way.

They proceeded at once to rent a room. It must be central and must be immediately off one of the main streets. They finally decided on what is called the old telephone building. The owner would not rent the downstairs without the upstairs, so the women shouldered the responsibility of finding some way to use the upstairs which consists of one large room with a couple of smaller rooms at the rear. The downstairs was fitted up for the use of country women. The rest room proper is a very large room, well lighted, warm, and very nicely furnished with pictures, chairs, sofas, tables, mirrors, etc. The women had the whole downstairs redecorated in soft restful browns. Two large rugs were purchased for the floor. At the rear of the rest room is the kitchen, toilet, and the matrons apartments. The Brandon women are specially fortunate in their matron, for she is a most charming and hospitable woman, leading dignity and homeliness to the room. No financial statement has yet been made, but it was estimated when the whole scheme was in prospect that the monthly expenses, including rent, light, heat and the salary of the matron would be about \$75 a month, but it is working out somewhat in excess of that amount.

The rest room in Brandon is filling a long felt want. There is none to say that it is not a success. Perhaps what one woman said at the organization meeting expresses the situation completely. "We have worked on the farms, some of us for 25 years, struggling to build up this community, one of homes. Sometimes we had little help and little consideration. Surely after all these years a rest room is coming to us."

And so the stories go. It is impossible to tell you how each one of the 200 rest room committees set about their work and established their rest rooms, but these few stories of wonderful work well done, of a great need filled, of the giving to farm women some of the happiness and comfort they deserve, should inspire those who have the community influence at heart to carry the good work into every town and hamlet on the prairie veldt. As has been pointed out before the whole movement is nothing short of cool, sagacious business. When men and women see it in that light half the battle is won.

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