

full in current coin of the realm, and that board and lodgings, if provided by employers, should not be a condition of employment—as the majority desire to live out,—a desire which can readily be understood. Such an enumeration of advantages gained is, of course, decidedly uninteresting reading, unless one is interested in the conditions to which people more unfortunate in their circumstances have had to submit.

This writer asserts further that the most tangible success attributed to the women's trade union is the final adoption by women unionists of the process of settling trade disputes by conciliation and arbitration,—a method which has lessened the number of strikes.

Further glimpses of the sad condition of women wage-earners are got by glancing through a recent report of this "Women's Trade Union League." For instance, in

one centre of the lacemaking industry in France, 53% of the women labor ten hours per day, and 19% of them earn 1d. per hour,—no one earns more than 1½d. per hour.

Turning from the consideration of such conditions to the condition of the Canadian woman who earns her own livelihood, one notices, at the very outset, how hard it is in Canada to distinguish between the women of work and the women of leisure. In some of our Canadian cities, it is asserted by women deeply interested in the problem of the woman wage-earner that one can scarcely say there is such a problem as exists in other countries. "The problem with us," said one such lady, answering inquiries regarding the girls who work, "is the problem of overdress." She said that in her opinion the Canadian girls needed to learn to subordinate the matter of dress to other and greater advantages which money can bring.

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