### The Woman's Quiet Hour

By E. Cora Hind

there is a woman left with a quiet hour. training. This is written from a hotel room in Ottawa, and this is the third trip to the kind or another, since Novem-Service ber last. Hitherto the calls in the trials of the housewives on the were in connection with matters agricultural. This time, among Water others, the call is for women as women to discuss with the war committee of

and the problem of food control. You will know, through the daily and weekly press, what decisions are arrived at, before this reaches readers of The Western Home Monthly.

Ever since the war started women have pointed out to the government the need of in some form mobilizing the power of women in Canada for war serhas called upon the women directly for advice. This marks an epoch, and should be productive of much good.

The writer's own feeling is that the is in the farm kitchens. There is no is not called out, that to some to haul coal for cooking. extent at least the labor of women will have to be directed

the maximum of production is achieved,

I wonder, as I write the title whether able to do farm work without further

Comparatively few women in the citcapital, on war service of one ies realize how large a place scarcity of good water and scarcity of fuel occupy

farms in large sections of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and to Wanted a somewhat less extent in southern Manitoba. Last sum-

the cabinet, the labor supply of women mer there were many districts where water was hauled ten and fifteen miles, and where the housewife had to use it in three ways at least before throwing it away, for example, to wash herself or her children, then to wash some clothes and finally to wash a floor.

Fuel is almost as difficult to obtain, on the broad open plains which produce such wonderful crops of wheat; coal is vice, now for the first time a government often hauled fifteen and twenty miles and woe to the housewife who runs out when all the teams are busy on the land. One of the great hardships of the shortage of coal last season was that farmers were not able to lay in a supply for first place for woman labor to be utilized the harvest and threshing time and teams had to be diverted from the work doubt, even if the second draft of men of harvest at critical moments in orders

> These are a few of the things which make housework in the country diffitowards the land this year, if cult and most unattractive to the woman who is merely regarding the doing of housework as a means of making a living. It will have to be put on a much higher plane, namely, that of national service and a direct factor in winning the war, before much will be accomplished in supplying the present great need.

I am glad to see that the various organizations of farm women are demanding that labor-saving machinery and devices be placed on the free list, as well

With regard to women working on the land, this will have to come, and the government should provide means of in-

struction for those who are physically strong enough to undertake such On the work. Farmers who are yery busy should not be asked to fake wholly inexperienced men or

women and train them to do farm work. In this emergency the farms of the agricultural colleges, the experimental ricultural colleges, the experimental farms and the institutional farms controlled by the government should be utilized as training schools. This instruction should be free, but should carry with it the obligation for the women so trained to remain in agricultural production work to the end of the war,

their own. really no work on a farm, single exception of heavy hich a healthy woman canperfect comfort and safety. nal cases where women have d by farm work can pracbe traced to an attempt to rk of a man outside and a

e provinces there are some for years have been running arms and doing every bit of n them with profit to their nd health to their bodies, hey are doing this they have en to keep house for them. as it should be.

an who can learn to drive a rather operate a sulky plow vashing on a board.

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