

Council, representing, as it does, every class and all sections of society, were ready for the emergency, knew at once where to turn for help, and by the co-operation of the railway authorities were able to be on the spot with assistance within a few hours. They were joined within a day by the Halifax Council, who were able to take like prompt measures and to whom was entrusted a ~~sum~~ of public money by the Municipal authorities for purposes of relief.

I think that illustration gives a very fair example of the position that the Council should hold towards various public bodies. It does not seek to identify itself with any controversial propaganda. By its central principle it is forbidden so to do, inasmuch as it seeks to unite all who are seeking, according to the light given them, to work for the welfare of the world in whatsoever direction, and it may often unite those who think they are working for exactly opposite ends—for Women Suffrage and against it—for Prohibition and against it—it, therefore, cannot be sectional or denominational and cannot be looked upon with suspicion.

*Co-operation  
of Public Men*

If, therefore, our public men, whether in the Dominion Parliament or Provincial Legislature, or on Municipal or other Boards, have to make enquiries and take up a policy which affects women and children, will they remember that there is an organised body of voluntary women workers who are ready to give their loyal and ready help to any object which will help forward the common good, and from whom the opinion of the women of the country, not of one section only but of all, can be ascertained.

I go back, however, to that question of the need of Leadership. Let us recognize this and let our leaders lead—There must be *definite* plans, and *definite* organization, but then comes in the beauty of our organization—The leaders and the led have every opportunity for the fullest possible mutual understanding of the plans of campaign to be adopted.

1. Definite leadership.
2. Constitutional methods, and approval and co-operation of all obtained.