

CANADIAN WOMEN



WOMEN'S WELCOME HOSTEL, CALGARY

CANADIAN women are employed in practically every form of activity in which it is possible for a woman to engage. They are book-keepers, stenographers, confidential clerks, bankers, dentists, doctors, teachers, lawyers, florists, caterers, musicians, artists, journalists, boarding house keepers, and settlement workers. The Canadian young woman has made a success of business life. She has no intention of allowing herself to be "put upon." Work is plentiful, and she adapts herself with remarkable ease to any change in her circumstances. Generally speaking, she is as active in the work of helping others as she is on her own account. In a large office-building in Toronto, in which 140 young women are employed as clerks and stenographers, one of the staff, a girl not long out from England, fell ill with tuberculosis. Her companions, upon their own initiative and practically unaided, sent her to a sanatorium. Treatment having been undertaken too late, and the girl longing to return to England, these young Canadians secured a subscription from their employers, arranged for the sick girl's passage, for some one to travel with her, and for every other necessary detail of the complicated undertaking. Altogether these business girls gave \$400 for the relief of their friend, an amount sufficiently large to have cost some of them a sacrifice.

WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY.

ACTIVITY and initiative are by no means confined to Canadian women who live in cities. A few weeks ago an Ontario country girl of 19 wrote to a prominent citizen whose benevolence is as widely known as his business success. She said that she thought he might help her to make some money. Her father, a farmer, was old and had sufficient only for his own needs. She did not want to lessen his comfort in any way. But she had hardly ever been on a train. She had never seen anything beyond her own country neighbourhood, and she wanted to have good times, like other girls. She could make home-made bread. Did he think that people in the city would buy her bread? The energy behind every word in the letter spelt success.

SUCH women are to be found in country places all over Canada. British Columbia, with its flower gardens and fruit valleys, offers them unrivalled opportunities. Almost every little house on the Western prairie is the home of a woman in whose heart are dreams of greatness for her children. It is lonely on the prairie to-day. But to-morrow it will not be so lonely. Women on Western farms and ranches undoubtedly have hardships to bear. But there is a freedom and an optimism in the life which many of them find priceless.

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