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The task of finding positions for the graduates who have registered with us was made extremely difficult during the closing months of the year, when the general depression was accentuated by the seasonal decline in employment.

Notwithstanding this, however, we are glad to be able to report a total of eighteen placements in this period. Some of the positions obtained, although of a temporary nature, are rather interesting and illustrate the varied nature of the calls made upon the Bureau. The manager of a bank in the city applied to us for a graduate who would be willing to act as companion and sports tutor to his ten year old son, A member of the senior hockey team, now doing post graduate work in the School of Commerce, was glad of this opportunity, which brings him in a welcome sum weekly and an occasional holiday in the mountains, as well as establishing a connection which may be very useful to him in the future. A gentleman from the States, who came to Montreal to write a book on economics, called upon us to secure the services of a graduate who had specialized in economics and had a knowledge of shorthand to act as his secretary and research assistant. Fortunately we had one Commerce graduate who had the necessary qualifications, and who wild be employed on this work for three or four months.

There was a noticeable increase in the number of inquiries for women graduates. This is to be taken as an indication of the increased publicity given to the work of the Bureau rather than as an increased demand in the field of employment for women. As it was felt that the sending out of circulars on a large scale at the end of the year would be an expense for postage and stationery which the results would not justify, we confined our efforts to making a personal canvass of the leading firms in Montreal, and the majority of the positions secured were due to our calls.