

**Women's War Conference.**—A conference of about 75 representative women from all provinces of the Dominion was called at Ottawa in February, 1918, on the invitation of the War Committee of the Cabinet. Those invited were asked to give special consideration to the relation of women to such matters as increased agricultural production, commercial and industrial occupations, the compilation of the National Register and the conservation of food.

The conference served a very useful purpose, particularly in the increased measure of co-operation which it made possible between the Government and women's organizations throughout the country.

**Women's Franchise.**—Reference should be made to the fact that by an Act of Parliament, 1918, Canadian women received the Federal electoral franchise on the same basis as men.

## 12. NATIONAL REGISTRATION AND LABOUR.

In June, 1918, a compulsory registration was taken in which every person in Canada, man or woman, of sixteen years of age or over, was obliged to answer a series of questions relative to his or her usefulness for national purposes.

The registration was taken at about 25,000 places of registration, with the assistance of about 150,000 registrars. The returns showed that about 5,000,000 persons presented themselves for registration and answered the necessary questions. The object of the plan was to effect a national stocktaking of the human resources of the country and the labour difficulties on the farms and in industry were made easier of solution with the information obtainable in the National Register.

**Labour.**—A conference between the War Committee of the Cabinet and representatives of organized labour was held in January, 1918. The subjects discussed included: the organization of man-power in