

On To Calgary and The Women's Council

At the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, even at eight thirty of an extremely warm morning the "good morning" greeting was delightfully obvious; and to the incoming guests entering the familiar corridors the smile and salutation were indeed welcome after the early stroll from station. The streets were typical of the business of the city with its hurrying men and women on the way to their various occupations. In the Rose Room of the Windsor, the head waiter and waiters in passing, gave their bright good morning, so changed from pre-war days, when the foreign element of Austrians and Germans gave reluctant service, and that of a questionable neatness and civility.

The menu laid beside my cover also indicated the follow up of spirit of fraternity, the words in no mean type caught the eye. The new guest, hungry for breakfast, yet with an appreciation of all things well provided, smiled at the waiter, pointed to the card, and said "was not too tired from traveling last night to enjoy not only the words, but the list of suggestive breakfasts, then came another bright "good morning" and on looking up the St. John Council woman was delighted to return of R. L. Hising's greeting prophetic of the auspicious day.

Our Council appreciates the courtesy and helpfulness of the men and it is not surprising that its women are ever, confident of the courtesy and adaptability of the men; for as one National officer remarked, the National Council of Women, "is not striving for superiority, but just equality, to work together, to get together, and stand together in the work of the nation." Those words explain clearly the definiteness and definiteness of the policy of today's woman, to whom the National Council must

always bring a more fitting sense of National life and its responsibilities. Montreal was in the throes of a heat wave, and over the city lay that outline of haze which never fails to bring intense heat and sunny glow. The spring of that little wrist watch has suffered collapse, and the knowledge that it is no more, from suspicious sounds within its mechanism, conveys conviction of something more than suspended animation, which disaster therefore dooms its wearer to dependency upon porters, bell boys and any possible person who can answer the polite question for the time or day. Provoking? yes—undeniably, but there still exists the thankfulness for an English tongue, and one that lacks not diffidence. Equilibrium can still be satisfactorily sustained, with so many helpful, courteous, brown uniformed boys around the hotel; and the Windsor Hotel is always a hospitable hostelry where women can comfortably stay, and feel that everyone is interested in their comfort; while the sense of aloofness, characteristic of some American hotels, (not that of the Waldorf-Astoria management in New York or Philadelphia, where one always appreciated the welcome to an arriving guest) is not evidenced or impressed upon registration.

The Montreal shops were gay with summer costumes, sporting suits and chic little hats; and a bewildering array of attractive shoes and slippers, for the day's eager shoppers in that attractive. Reductions of prices in all lines of wear was noticeable, and many of the shops were offering articles of clothing at pre-war prices, evidently new, fashionable stock, which had suffered no deterioration of value.

That clever member Mrs. Sears from Ottawa had read at the National a recommendation urging the establishment of a Woman's Bureau of Information at Ottawa to encourage Canadian manufacturers, and to publish marketing facts which would be of value, instructing Canadian women in economical buying in each of the provinces; and the formulation of legislative policies and measures would help to encourage and protect the Canadian manufacturers, as well as educating the buying public, of which women form the great majority, in shopping for their homes, etc., to the essential patronage of home industries, and thus ultimately promulgate a better spirit of co-operation between producer and manufacturer. It was especially necessary that women be familiar with the economic problems of their country, and to expand the money more intelligently, to help bring a greater prosperity to Canada.

Miss Whittier, whose well sustained discussions had been so favorably received in the different sessions, and who was at all times a very busy, energetic type of girlhood, had cordially agreed with Mrs. Sears recommendation and its platform of operation, and stated that "the retailers had been much harder hit in the present business crisis because they had not followed the example of the wholesalers in periods of high prices and prosperity, to lay aside a surplus sufficient to tide them over any critical period."

This recommendation and its addenda were referred to the standing committee on household economics, on motion of Mrs. Thorburn seconded by the national convenor on taxation, Mrs. Murray. Mrs. Sears is thoroughly qualified to speak on all matters relative to the tariff, and as for this purpose she attended the meeting to discuss and bring in these recommendations in the interests of Canadian prosperity.

The vista of displayed goods, with a well balanced purchasing invitation, reminded the delegate of Mrs. Sears purpose at the National Council, and of the admiration and respect the splendid woman from Ottawa won for herself and work. Her only son sacrificed to his country's call for service in the recent terrible war, which toll of thousands had totalled up to the thousands and thousands of sorrowful mothers, who are carrying on successfully his share of the partnership in a well known firm,

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and carrying out in loving active memory his plan of work in Ottawa. One o'clock, soon the shops of bigger interests closed their doors until Monday morning, while in among the window displays of bargains were arranged in large type cards the prices to prevail for the following week's sales.

Crowds still left in the city, after the noon exodus of business men and women for the cooler country on all available trains, steamers and luxurious motor cars, gathered near the newspaper office to read the issued bulletins, while the St. John woman made her way with difficulty through the swaying, interested readers. More intense became the heat, and theatres were doing a record business notwithstanding later the impossibility of enduring in the open that stifling, still heat, steps were retraced to the hotel, where in the quiet corner of her restful room, substance was given to her crowding thoughts. Forgotten was the heated city, until a neighboring church clock sounded out the hour, reminding the writer of a dressing bag, etc., to pack, and a night train going east.

At the station while waiting for the hotel porter, a very polite uniformed official offered his chair, near the exit to the platform, which being of the high desk dimensions, the summit was difficult of attainment. As such kindness could not be refused, the effort was made, and from lofty prominence the aloof occupant endeavored to answer intelligently the questions of an interested official. He was sympathetic for the best conditions for her, for himself, everyone; was delighted to hear that the starting point on this journey of the

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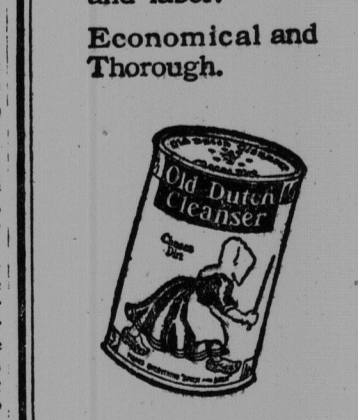
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east, in St. John. Why, the papers in Montreal say the place is without light or cars?" And so my new found friend of the C. N. R. employ, a transplanted Californian, rambled on until the porter came up to relieve the mind of the patiently waiting delegate as to whether that night train was going on its journey to New Brunswick without her. We shook hands happily, and the stool was vacated and was taken possession of by a gun-chewing girl of sixteen, while the late occupant wended her way to the pullman with kindly, appreciative thoughts of all C. N. R. porters, stewards, waiters and station officials.

By the time the train pulled out of that stifling station, endurance had developed into satisfaction that no fainting females had been obvious in those crowded pullman coaches. While a big porter, whose size was obstructive in the aisles, was later making up the berth, some of the passengers whose minds were not running in channels of sleep, sought the fresher air from the platform.

In the morning breakfast was enjoyed in solitude, quite a change after many delightful travelling companions on the western division, who came and went, their places taken by others who were as interesting and charming as the previous. At Mont Joli there was only opportunity for a short stroll, and the quiet Sabbath atmosphere, while French-Canadian devoutly wended their way from mass, imparted a restfulness and quiet to the little village. Even the reminding bells had ceased their soft clang and left only the soft murmur of the passer-by, while the engine snorted, got up steam and prepared for another lap of the home journey.

At Campbellton, ten minutes, and everyone out on platform among the passengers foreigners from the colonist car whose objective point this time was not ascertained. We were in New Brunswick, so different from the rolling prairie, and the unbroken or half settled woods of north-western Ontario. One could almost sense the New Brunswick air without opening the eyes to verify that peculiar something intangible of the province. Out beyond the blue, sea flecked waters of Bay Chaleur, emptying into the immense waters of the Atlantic. Back to sea level, and to the tang of the saline air, and the conviction that fresh, appealing fish would be possible for the lunch menu. The fish in the west had been eaten sparingly, Alaska codfish, Lake Superior white fish and lake trout are insipid, and lack the flavor of the New Brunswick cod, trout and that king of the province's fish, salmon. Gaspé salmon had been eaten appreciatively in Montreal, and the delegate had felt that she, like "Olliver," was quite ready for the traditional "more."

Numerous had been the expressions at severance of the official luncheon in Calgary of the delicious salmon served last summer in St. John, when the heads of the National, and one bright Calgary woman in laughing jest remarked, "Will St. John ever be forgotten?"

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PRIEST IS PRIVILEGED.

Has Right to Make Attack From Pulpit, Says Court.

Paris, July 16.—A priest's right to attack from the pulpit anything he considers injurious to the moral welfare of his parishioners has been upheld in the Quimper appeals court, reversing the judgment of a lower tribunal by which Father Souhigou was condemned to pay 200 francs damages for libeling a couple named Le Mir. The latter own a cafe damant near Father Souhigou's church, and he contended, seriously interrupted divine service with unceremonious music. Moreover, there was a good deal of drinking on their premises, so that the father finally warned his parishioners he would decline to confess those who frequented the dance hall or marry parties who intended to hold wedding parties there. Le Mir sued him for defamation of character and loss of trade with success in the local tribunal.

The higher court, reversing the judgment, pointed out that a priest's words from the pulpit were privileged and he was responsible, therefore, to his ecclesiastical superiors only.

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Niagara Falls, Ont., July 16.—The body of John Widtop, fifty-one years old, of 1808 Linwood avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y., was picked up in the Niagara Gorge at the head of Linwood avenue. He rolled from the bank while asleep, according to the statement made by Hugh Johnson, of this city.

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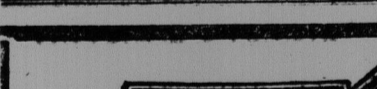
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