

CHANGES
IN THE
Industrial Occupation of Women
IN THE
Environment of Montreal during
the Period of the War, 1914-1918.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Purpose and Scope of the Investigation .

It is the purpose of this thesis to set forth the results of a personal investigation into the changes, brought about by the war, in the industrial activity of Montreal. It is a matter of common knowledge that the war industries were partly maintained by the labour of women. What is not known, however, is to what a great extent women have entered employments which had previously been reserved almost exclusively for men. The writer therefore proposes by investigating such occupations and industries as munition plants, railway shops, factories, wholesale houses, departmental stores, banks, civil and municipal services, and other places where women are known to be employed, to determine ;

First, how many men and women relatively were employed before 1914, and what was the change, if any, during the war period.

Secondly, what was the comparative remuneration received by the men and women workers before the war and what is it at present.

Thirdly, from where were these women drawn? Was it from domestic life, from domestic service, from the school teaching profession or from other industrial employment?