

## WHAT TWELVE CANADIAN WOMEN HOPE TO SEE AS THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR

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of general disarmament may be adopted and an international tribunal established on neutral ground.

"But no matter what policy may be adopted, the trend is towards a broader democracy.

"Whether this war had as its real cause the ideas and ideals of a brotherhood of man, these ideas and these ideals must be evolved out of the war. An androcentric culture with the combative male element dominating has proved over and over again inevitable destruction, and he who runs may read that this suicidal policy of might must end as civilization grasps the necessity of the female constructive force being added to the body politic to make a true balance.

"Women are not to blame for this war, but a century hence they would be equal criminals with men were another such war to take place.

"A tremendous burden of responsibility will now be placed upon women and with this war as an object lesson no woman should rest until she is able to have her say, equal with man, as a freeborn responsible citizen with equal rights, political and economic.

"And so the most that I can reasonably hope is that the world at large may see the folly, yes the criminality of the present policy of might, and that an international policy will be adopted that will allow any people the privilege of governing themselves, that co-ercion will be a thing of the past, and that there shall be established in this world an 'All for each' policy which will develop into the greatest liberty possible for individual growth compatible with the 'greatest good for all.'

"For women in particular, I believe that they will learn to be wiser and know that their privilege is not only to bring living beings into this world, but that their place is ever at the helm to see that the world is a fit place for living human beings to be in.

"The constructive mind of woman, the maternal instinct to care for and conserve must be used with the knowledge that these attributes are necessary to complement the combative initiative of man.

"What a splendid world this could be to live in a few years from now if we will only profit by the lessons taught by this most terrible of all wars."

### Lesson of War

Nellie C. McClung, the popular writer and speaker, says:

"Humanity learns its lessons hard. The path of wisdom has ever been beset with thorns, and has ever been travelled by bleeding feet. Humanity is now learning, and paying full rate for its tuition.

"One lesson that is almost learned now is that armed men and battleships do not bring either peace or safety; that a great nation cannot be built on hatred; that unless love and good-will and honor and honesty are woven into the social fabric, it will some day, suddenly, and without warning, fall into hopeless tatters.

"This war is showing us that human ingenuity and cleverness, unless it is permeated by the love of God (which is another name for the love of man), is a devilish thing! Think of man's achievement in overcoming the air having resulted in bombs being thrown on churches and hospitals! We are learning something we should always have known—that it is not so important that people should be clever as that they should be good! We had not thought very seriously on this before, and the attitude of the world was to worship cleverness, and sneer at common, unobtrusive, mouse-gray goodness!

"There will also come out of the war a new idea of empire, clear as the sunlight and wide as the earth! We will cease to think locally and to boast of a narrow patriotism. We will not sing 'My country, 'tis of thee—of thee I sing.' Germany has plenty of that sort of patriotism which teaches that love of country means hatred of other countries. Our citizenship will be world citizenship—our neighbor will be every man, of whatever race, or creed, or color, or tongue. There will be no trade barriers between nations to breed distrust and jealousy or suspicion between men. There will be no war lords with the iniquitous power to plunge innocent and inoffensive people into warfare! Women are going to come into their own. We will hear less about woman's unfitness for public life. Man's pride in masculine statecraft has received a jolt, and they are not so sure of things as they were four months ago! There can be no true democracy where one-half of the race is ignored, and this war, if it has any significance at all, is a war against autocracy. The mother's point of view will be represented in the days to come—the good days to which our longing eyes are turning in hope and faith."

### Home Guards Always

Helen M. Merrill, Honorary General Secretary of The United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, sees the outcome

of the war somewhat differently, and particularly mentions the desirability of military training:

"Replying to your question, 'What do you as a woman hope to see as the outcome of the war, (1) for the world at large, (2) women in particular?'

"The replies obviously expected are, 'Peace' and 'Votes for women.' There is evidently malice aforethought in the latter question, but I have not yet become interested in woman suffrage. However, glancing casually at the subject, it seems that the welfare of the country at large may depend to a considerable extent on the contentment of women. If they would feel better satisfied in their routine at home and in public life having the right to go to the polls, it would be in the interest of the government of any country to grant women this right. Woman suffrage is bound to come eventually, and it will be a fine feather in the cap of the first Provincial Government having courage to give votes to women.

"Returning to the former question: The greatest factor in establishing permanent peace in the world will be to continue the friendly relations which now exist between Great Britain and the United States. It is remarkable that a hundred years have passed without conflict between these nations, and that for this length of time Canada and the United States have dwelt side by side with indifferent military defence, the American army itself being so small that on the militia going to the front in the war with Spain, billions of dollars worth of property along the east coast were left unprotected.

"I hope that universal peace will not mean the abolishing of military training, and that there will always be Home Guards or their equivalent. I hope, too, that the day will soon arrive when every boy and girl will become a Scout, and that provision for such instruction will be made in all schools. The Scout movement I consider the most important ever inaugurated for the training of the young. I should also like to see both girls and boys at a suitable age train as cadets if, largely, only to cultivate obedience, order and for physical benefit, and if girls form no more menacing corps than Broom Brigades.

### Courageous and Cheerful is the Note from the West

Mrs. R. R. Jamieson, Judge of the Juvenile Court, Calgary, with the optimism which makes her popular with everyone, writes:

"You ask my opinion of the outcome of the war from a woman's viewpoint.

"I believe the war has already done away with 'sets' in social circles. The rich and the poor are to be found working together with the same purpose in mind, consequently sympathies and kindred feelings will form which will be bright memories to us all; while the object we are working for is brought about by the cruel war, still the bond of sympathy among the women is sweet.

"I believe women will have more voice in national affairs, will be placed on church boards and numerous other public offices where heretofore she has had no voice. I believe the much talked of suffrage will be granted us, by virtue of our organizations to do our own part in this time of distress—the militant suffragettes are working to keep the franchise for our men of Great Britain and Canada.

"The war has brought out many points of value, such as sympathy, charity and loyalty, which we have not had an opportunity to show before, which will be instilled in our rising generation."

### The Law of Christ

Katherine Hale, poet and essayist, whose booklet, "Grey Knitting," published this season, is itself in part prophetic about the war:

"It is quite possible, if we may judge the future by the past, that this most terrible of all wars may, in its termination, become the agent for a sweeping reconstruction in governments, in commerce, and in social life. As I see things from the woman's standpoint, it seems to me that one's greatest hope for the world at large, as a result of the present war, must surely be a determination in the minds of men and women towards the necessity of individual self-control as the first step in a world-wide education which shall teach both sexes alike the rudiments of national self-government. I would wish for the world a swinging of the balance of power from the hands of the few into the hands of the many, provided that humanity—through the very stringencies of the poverty and exhaustion that follow such a war—is capable of learning at last the simple law laid down by Christ: 'Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you.'

"For women in particular surely the outcome is already assured. We are learning, and we shall learn more fully in the years to come, that 'militancy' and

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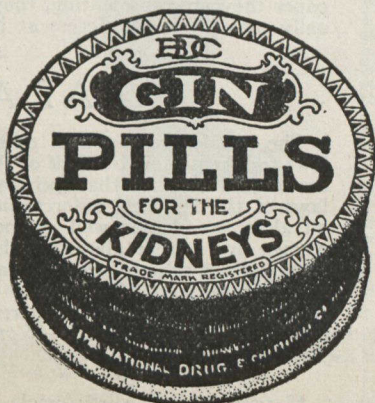
## Feet and ankles so swollen, she could not walk up stairs

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