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Organization of Women's Committee

A Women's Committee has been formed to advise with regard to the reconstruction work to be undertaken by the Women's Department of the Canadian Reconstruction Association. The names of those who have consented to act on the Women's Committee are: Mrs. Arthur VanKoughnet, Mrs. H. S. Strathy, Mrs. Alexander McPhedran, Mrs. George Smith of St. Catharines, Miss Cartwright, Miss Chapman, Miss Church, Miss Gunn, Miss Marie Macdonnell, Miss McMahan, Dr. Helen MacMurehy, Miss Laura Powell, and Miss Marjory MacMurehy, in charge of the Women's Department, who is convenor of the Women's Committee. Brief biographical notes on the work which has been accomplished by these ladies in patriotic activities, employments or professions appeared in the *Toronto Daily News* for December 21, 1918, and are reproduced elsewhere in this Bulletin. When the organization is complete there will be representatives on the Women's Committee from each of the Provinces, and a number of other cities. The members of the Committee represent many varied activities and interests of Canadian women, and are competent to advise with regard to the welfare of returned soldiers and their families, child welfare, housing, employment, the interests of organized labor among women, educational work among aliens and immigrants, the education of girls, the interests of women in the country, business women, nurses and teachers, and regarding the paramount importance to the nation of the home. The Women's Department is an aid to the expert study of women's problems. Its organization has been planned to investigate and consider women's employment and the economic, social and domestic relations of women. The Women's Committee, which is a consultative and advisory body of able and distinguished women, will greatly further and strengthen the work of the Women's Department. This expert study of women's problems has been felt to be highly desirable, and many organizations and individuals have already availed themselves of the assistance of the Women's Department.

At the first meeting of the Women's Committee "A Unity Programme for Canadian Women" was read and approved as an outline of the policies of the Women's Department in Reconstruction. This Unity Programme is now published as a Bulletin, and may be secured from the Women's Department, Canadian Reconstruction Association, Royal Bank Building, Toronto.

Miss Roberta McAdams, one of the two women representatives in the Alberta Legislature, has become a member of the Women's Committee since its meeting in December. Miss McAdams is a graduate of the Macdonald Institute, Guelph. She proceeded overseas as dietician on the staff of the Orpington Hospital, maintained by the Ontario Government, and was elected one of the Soldiers' and Nursing Sisters' representatives for the Alberta Legislature in July, 1917. Miss McAdams is now in Edmonton attending the sessions of the Legislature.

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