

# CANADIAN COURIER

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## Concerning Women

A REGULAR contributor to this paper for the past ten years remarked lately that so far as his observation went the woman's section of the average paper was never read by women, but more habitually by men. This was one of those paradoxes that delight some journalistic minds. Men are credited with the curiosity that naturally belong to the other sex. But it would take a high percentage of this brand of curiosity to induce some men we know to read some woman's literature that has been put out by a number of papers—including ourselves—in this country.

This issue introduces the second revised woman's section in the Canadian Courier. It contains five pages of matter devoted to the new activities of women. We do not subscribe to the doctrines of those revolutionary innovators who contend that women's business in the world from now on is to do men's work as far as possible. We believe that women themselves recognize their own natural work in the world as something which men—as a rule—cannot do. Of course, women can work in factories as well as men—some factories. And men can wait on table as well as women—some tables. In fact, there are hundreds of things that some women can do quite as well as some men, and vice versa. But so long as the world is built on a two-sex basis there are some things that each must leave to the other.

The Woman's Section of the Canadian Courier is designed to show not merely how women can do much of the work regularly done by men, but how women can do their own work in a bigger, more helpful way. Whatever new social rearrangement is effected by the war, the new civilization will get its character not from putting the sexes on anything like a common level against the principles of nature, but men doing men's work and women doing women's work—better.

That has nothing to do with sex-equality. Neither of the sexes is better or more potential than the other. The moment we begin to wrangle about that we begin to weaken the whole fabric of community life. Only weak women and silly men argue about the comparative rights, privileges and powers of the sexes. The women and men who help the world most are those who instinctively concede to one another a place in the world that can be filled only by the kind of being nature intended to fill it.

There is a very elongated argument in all this. We don't propose to embark on it here. All we want to point out is that the Canadian Courier is not a mere man's paper, masquerading as a paper for women, but a home and community paper, devoted to the best things that enter into the life of a people. In the newer Canada now in the making we shall find women's work more and more important; getting back more to the state of affairs that made pioneer women the helpmeet of the man, he in the field, she in the house—both equally concerned in building up the home.



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