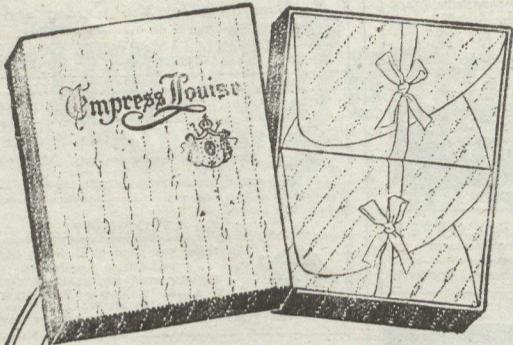


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expectedly thrown upon their own resources and have no special training except their experience in home-making, apply for these positions. They usually ask lower wages than the professionals and could not be treated on the isolation plan. Especially where there are children there is the great advantage of having about them helpers of refined manner and speech. While this raises the standard of household help it is only temporary, but it points to certain significant aspects of employment.

The eagerness with which educated women seize upon these positions when at all above the level of the menial, proves the dearth of openings for this large class of Canadian women. There are a hundred positions for the illiterate and at good wages to one for the educated woman, unless she has specialized in some line. As the war continues and after it is over this will be increasingly true.

We cannot look to the captains of industry or to the industrial classes to adjust these matters, but to the women themselves working in conjunction with the leading educational bodies. The most practical form of first aid is for the women to specialize in all departments of homemaking, and for the employers and employed to rid their minds of the absurd old bogey of prejudice that grades a house worker as of a lower order than those employed in the commercial or industrial world. In the British Isles the educated women have been facing this problem for years and now in different parts of our Western Provinces many of them have taken up small farms and are raising fruit, bees, poultry, and are making a success of their venture in independence.

War and Life Insurance

WAR and business conditions generally have turned the minds of people more to the subject of Life Insurance than ever before, according to Mr. W. Kerr George, Vice-President of the North American Life Assurance Company.

This remark was made in the course of his address at the 37th annual meeting of the company on the 31st of January, and from the satisfactory report submitted it would seem that this statement was well founded.

Mr. L. Goldman, the President, referred to the company's assets, now amounting to \$17,268,471.46. After liabilities have been provided for, there is a net surplus of \$2,774,854.38.

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