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Women of the West
We Want YOU.



*"Listen to the voices
Which plead and warn!"*

This is your Opportunity.

Women of the West we want You.

Women of the West, the hour of your Country's need is at hand. Joan of Arc got her message from visitants not of the earth, and in the supreme hour of her nation's need she offered herself in obedience to that message.

This election is no ordinary election. It shall be taken as a sign, a confession of creed as to where Canada shall be counted, among the recreants or among those worthy to be free. The air is full of voices calling upon Canadians. It may be, in some cases it is true, that men's ears are so stopped by the rubbish of partisanship that they cannot hear the message. This cannot be so of women, coming for the first time to the polls, and with the chance before them of standing for a Union Government, the members of which have sworn to place their country first.

WAR IS A HIDEOUS THING.

Hate war! Of course you do. We all hate war. It's loathsomeness is most known to those who fight for us today. Remember that neither Canada, nor the Empire, nor any of the Allies started this war. If you need any proof of that consider how unprepared they were. Germany forced this atrocity upon a shuddering world. There was absolutely nothing left for any civilized nation to do but to combat, as far as possible, this hideous wrong.

Great Britain went to the rescue of human liberty. Canada, under the leadership of a representative Government, and with the cheering assent of the nation, pledged her faith to the support of the Empire.

"In the day of Armageddon, at the last great fight of all,
That our House stand together and the pillars do not fall."

The battle is not yet won. Shall Canada quit? That is the issue.

VOICES THAT PLEAD AND WARN.

In this consecrated hour may it be recorded that Canada's womanhood gave heed unto the voices that plead and warn. There is the clear call from the trenches where in danger and ineffable fatigue, Canada's men offer their bodies a shield for the protection of Canadian women and Canadian children from death and shame. What is the cry of these men? These men call for Help! What of the Flanders' Dead. They will not rest in peace unless they sleep in Canada's heart. Shall it be so?

Listen to the sneering of the Teuton brood. "Annihilation," is their blasphemous boast. What shall it avail in that hour when with the unsupported line in Flanders wiped out and the British navy unheeding, that Canada should take shelter in the plea of the unwise, "Save us. We did not realize." Would you have the Germans land their unclean hordes on Canadian soil? That is what they mean to do if the road is left unguarded. No wonder Berlin laughs at our "going to and fro" in the market place.

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THE LITTLE VOICE.

Give heed to the awful silence of those women of invaded Belgium, Serbia and France, whose sufferings may not be printed. By the sacred honor of your womanhood, have consideration for these, your sisters. Their very dumbness speaks with a thousand tongues for the Government that would demand restitution even though atonement can never be made. What Government would they have you support!

Think of the children torn from their mothers' arms and tortured to merciful death to make a German holiday. Think of those thousands, from many of whom the light of reason has been driven, never to return, and in all of whom the laughter of childhood is stilled forever. What of the babies dying in England's pitying hands, even as they wonder why they were "hurt." Every wave-sob of the ocean mourns the innocent life that today strews its floor.

Listen to the call of the little voices. What are these? They are the children that will be. Your vote is for the present big with fate, and for the quivering future.

PART FOR ALL WOMEN, FRANCHISED AND UNFRANCHISED

In the answer which Canada shall give to these many voices, all women are called to decide, not only the next of kin who are enfranchised, but ALL women.

This question of the limited franchise extended to women under the Wartime Election's Act is one which causes many women who otherwise would be up and doing to think that since they were not enfranchised then they are freed from any duty towards this election. Consider for one moment the exigencies of this election act, especially with reference to the anomalies of the present Naturalization Law. Further remember that unless this war is won all liberty goes down to defeat. In a day when sacrifice is gloriously common, do you sacrifice this right and privilege which you feel should be yours, counting it little if by so doing you help on the cause of humanity. Your right of franchise is only delayed. The right of humanity to life and liberty hangs in the balance today.

Women voters, keep in mind that every ballot is a bullet. You are the fighters in the front line trenches. Women who have not this time a ballot, enlist in the Army Service Corps, seeing to it that the ammunition is got to the polls on December 17th.

PLEDGE OF THE UNIONISTS.

"Our first and paramount duty is the vigorous prosecution of the war and the support of the Canadian Army at the Front. Closely associated is the duty of making just and adequate provision for the dependents of those who have fallen, for the support and comfort of the wounded, for the training and recuperation of those who wish new occupation, for the settlement upon the land and for opportunity of employment to those who desire to engage in Agricultural occupations, for the promotion of Immigration and for the general development of the country. We pledge ourselves to the fulfilment of these tasks to the best of our capacity."

So speaks Sir Robert Borden, Premier of the Union Government.

What is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's promise? A referendum as to whether Canada shall go on in honor or withdraw in dishonor. Take note of his supporters. Solid with him are the Slackers of Quebec and of the other provinces, the agents of Berlin, paid and unpaid, and the conscientious objectors—to the giving, but not the receiving of service.

SHALL WE COME TO SHAME?

Are you of that company? Shall Canada, through you, come to shame?

Watch for a chance to help. Lists of voters are posted December 2nd. See that all the next of kin with whom you can get in touch are listed. See that to them and to any electors whom you know, the issue is put straight. See that the Woman's vote is got out.

Canada's womanhood, from pioneer days until now, has never failed her. By the grace of your heritage, in gratitude for the present, in honorable hope for the future, see that you fail not now.

"A MOTHER."

ENFRANCHISED WOMEN.

Women of Canada enfranchised for the purposes of the pending federal election are:

First—Nurses serving overseas with the Canadian or the Imperial forces.

Second—Next-of-kin of soldiers and nurses, living or dead, who are serving or have served during the present war overseas with the Canadian or the Imperial forces, and of sailors, living or dead, who have served or are serving during the present war with the fleet, either in Canadian or other waters.

The kinship must be of blood and of the degree of wife, mother, sister or daughter. Half sisters are regarded as full sisters under the act and are entitled to the same franchise privileges.

All the relatives of the degrees enunciated may claim the franchise, and none others.

Women to vote must be of the full age of 21 years, British subjects by birth or naturalization and must be resident in Canada one year and in the electoral division three months. They must have their names on the voters' list. This list will be posted in each electoral division Dec. 2.

Next-of-kin, see that your names are listed.

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