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## THE GREAT WORK DONE BY CANADIAN WOMEN OF PROMINENCE



Lady Laurier

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Canadian women have shown a genius for establishing national societies. They have organized nationally so much as a matter of course and so quietly that hardly anyone has noticed as yet this unusual ability of Canadian women. They do not seem to be aware of it themselves, which, perhaps, is just as well. Women in Great Britain are noted outside of home life for their activity as political canvassers. It would be difficult to estimate the extensive work based on by political organizations of women in England and Scotland. Women in the United States have made a name for clubs to persuade others to come and live with them. Brownings clubs, Mendelssohn clubs, Sorosis clubs, Mayflower clubs, Daughters of the Revolution clubs, are means by which women in the United States are fitting the women of the past and present to be women of the future. But the Canadian woman, as it seems almost unconsciously, has measured the distance between Halifax and Victoria, and has said to herself: "We must find some way by which the word of the woman in the West may reach the woman in the East and the word of the woman of the West may come to both East and West." Not only national comradeship, but national betterment and help are the aims of these societies formed by Canadian women.

If it is asked how Canadian women first learned to organize nationally, the most reasonable answer is that thirty years ago a woman's movement for foreign missions began among Canadian women. There are great missionary societies today among the women of all the Canadian churches. These leading women of twenty-five years ago learned how to extend their missionary societies nationally. They said: "The world for Christ," and along with that motto, women's battalions there came, without any special summons, the sonnet aspirations towards Canadian nationalism. The boys of the women who began the Canadian women's missionary societies are the organizers of the Laymen's Missionary movement. Their daughters are still interested in missionary societies. They have added to their responsibilities other national women's societies as well. It should be noted that the National Council of the Women of Canada, the Victorian Order

### Canadian Women Are Now Forging Ahead and Are to Be Found in Eminent Positions in All Lines of Life in Public and Private—They Are Excellent Managers and Are Happy and Contented in the Home or Outside it.

the Dependent Classes, Convenor, Madame Heique, Montreal; Immigration, Convenor, Miss FitzGibbon, Toronto; Press, Convenor, Mrs. Parsons, Forest, Ont.; Agriculture, Convenor, Miss Yates, Guelph; Citizenship, Convenor, Dr. Stowe-Galen, Toronto; Vacation Schools and Supervised Playgrounds, Convenor, Miss Mabel Peters, Westfield, N. B.; Equal Moral Standard and Prevention of Traffic in Women, Convenor, Mrs. Asa Gordon, Ottawa; Peace and Arbitration, Convenor, Mrs. Conroy, Toronto; Public Health, Convenor, Mrs. Shortt, Ottawa; Education, Convenor, Miss Eliza Ritchie, Halifax; Employments for Women, Convenor, Mrs. Sexton, Halifax; Special Committee on Home-Making, Convenor, Mrs. Bayfield, Charlottetown; Special Committee on Problems of Childhood, Convenor, Mrs. Savage, Dorval.

The membership of these committees is made up from prominent women in all parts of Canada. Dr. Ritchie, England; Mrs. Smith, Miss Derick, Madame Dandurand, Mrs. Robert Reid, Miss Hurlbutt, Madame Gerin-Lajoie in Montreal; Mrs. Torrington, Mrs. Grant Macdonald, Miss Carly, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Hentis, Miss Riddell, Mrs. Cummings, Miss Cox, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Leath, in Toronto; Mrs. Robt. Thomson, Lady Tilley, Mrs. McLehlan and Mrs. Izen, in St. John; Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Chas. Archibald, Miss Marshall Saunders in Halifax; Lady Laurier, Lady Ritchie, Mrs. Robertson in Ottawa; Lady Taylor, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Fessenden in Hamilton; Miss Macfar, Mrs. Fraser, and Mrs. Marshall in Kingston; Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Hardy in Brookville; Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. English, Mrs. Gahan in London; Miss Bennett, Mrs. Schell, Mrs. West in Brantford; Mrs. Smellie and Miss Reid in Fort William; Lady Macmillan, Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Bore, and Miss Hind in Winnipeg; Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Griffin, Miss McAllan, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Lucas in Vancouver, are instances of Canadian women at work in the wide membership of the National Council. The list is long, but it could easily be extended without exhausting the active force of this society.

The Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire is an Empire society which originated in Canada. Its objects are patriotic in a wide sense. Each Chapter is presided over by a Regent. Possibly, the meaning of this national Canadian society can be obtained more easily from the mottoes chosen for its chapters than in any other way. "The bird flies to its own." "Things high." "Pray that the right may thrive." "Let the Maple Leaf stand for loyalty and justice." "The beaver for industry, the maple leaf beauty, our hearts for loyalty." "Not for oneself, but for one's country." "Millions for defence, but not one cent for tribute." "Mindful and faithful." No society which had not ardent patriotism for its motive would endorse such mottoes. The organization is immensely popular, especially in Ontario, where it began. Its head offices are in Toronto. The Countess Grey is Honorary President; Mrs. Baroness Macdonald and Lady Fupper are Honorary Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Northamer of Toronto is President; and Honorary Vice-Presidents for the different provinces are the Ladies of the Provincial Government Houses. The wives of Canadian statesmen as a rule are in close touch with the organizations of Canadian women. They are domestic, hospitable, patriotic, and helpful in good works. Lady Laurier is one of the Vice-Presidents of the National Council; Mrs. R. L. Borden is a Regent of one of the Ottawa Chapters of the Daughters of the Empire; Madame Albani Gye, the famous Canadian singer, is one of the honorary members of the last named society. Women's Canadian Clubs in many Canadian cities have been formed as the result of a patriotic movement corresponding to that which began earlier among the men of Canadian cities. The first women's Canadian Club was formed in Montreal. Other cities followed the example of Montreal. Canadian Clubs are being formed so rapidly among the women of Canadian cities that it is impossible to keep up with their progress. The membership is large in every case and increases rapidly. The Women's Canadian Club in Toronto has for its President Mrs. Falconer, wife of the President of Toronto University. The Women's Canadian Club of Fort William owes much to Mrs. Peter McKellar. The President of the Winnipeg Women's Canadian Club is Miss Jones of the Winnipeg Haverall Ladies' College. The President of the Women's Canadian Club in Vancouver is Mrs. Peter McNaughton. Many other cities have similar clubs with enthusiastic members. In Toronto, the Toronto Business Women's Club is a society organized on somewhat the same line as the Women's Canadian Club, intended for women who are occupied in business during the day. The President is Miss Mary Lear. This Club has achieved a remarkable success, and is likely to be the pioneer in a new movement among working women.

The Victorian Order of Nurses, Superintendent, Miss Mary MacKenzie, Ottawa, was begun under the encourage-

ment of Lady Aberdeen. An extension of this work, the Lady Grey District Nursing Association, is a second organization which proves that Canadian women realize what settlement in a new country means to women. The Victorian Order has a nurse with Dr. Grenfell in Labrador. It has cottage hospitals in the West. It carries on district nursing among people who can pay a little in such cities as Montreal and Toronto. In every centre where the Victorian Or-

der of Nurses is to be found at work, it has the support of well-known, helpful Canadian women. The Aberdeen Association is another national organization among women which sends reading matter to lumber camps, mines, and to the homes of new settlers in the West and British Columbia. Many of the large Canadian cities have University Women's Clubs. Women's Historical Societies are collecting valuable material for historians, and in some cases are

building museums or renting rooms for historical collections. Many of the hospitals in the smaller cities and towns are dependent for a large part of their upkeep on women's hospital boards. The Montreal Women's Club is probably the oldest women's organization in Canada formed for the study of civic problems. Its influence has been felt in the cause of civic reform in Montreal. Similarly, the Toronto Women's Local Council gave material aid in carrying the city by-law for water filtration. No



Mrs. R. L. Borden

Canadian women novelists, are noteworthy members of the Club. Among its members may be named, Miss Jean Graham, Toronto, editor of the Canadian Home Journal; Mrs. Balmer Watt of Edmonton and Miss Katherine Hughes of the same place, who is provincial archivist, Miss Warnock of Toronto, Miss Hind, Mrs. Patriarche and Mrs. Walker of Winnipeg; Mrs. Bowley of Vancouver. These stand as representative only of a large number of other Canadian women writers whose work is equally well-known. In poetry, Canadian women

There is at least one practising lawyer in Canada, Miss Clara Brett Martin of Toronto, who until the beginning of this year was a useful and capable member of the Toronto Board of Education.

The women of Canada are happy in their lot, both in the home and outside of it. They look back to the pioneer men and women to whom they owe a much, and hope that they may be like them in their virtues. They have not been hindered from regular employment, which is a great source of happiness. And they have the generous help of their fathers and brothers and friends. They mean to do good work, and the best of their work will always be home-making.

It was Dr. Drummond who wrote: "But if she love you, I speak it for true, She will mak' it more beautiful den, An' sin on de sky can't shine lak de eye Of dat nice lectle Canada-ienne."

writers have a most charming gift. Miss Watheraid, Miss Coleman, Miss Pickett, Miss Warnock, Mrs. Sheard, Mrs. Blewett, Mrs. Mackay, are among the gifted writers of poetry. Miss Montgomery of Prince Edward Island, Mrs. McElung of Manitoba, Mrs. Macgregor of Orillia and Mrs. Murphy of Edmonton are successful writers of humorous, optimistic fiction. Miss Cameron and Miss Lant are travel writers. Miss Lant is also a writer of history. Almost all the writers named are members of the Canadian Women's Press Club, and along with a number of women journalists who do good work, maintain a comradely society which reaches from Prince Edward Island and Halifax to Ed-



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