

Start-up Task: Review

- ▶ What does total war mean?
- ▶ What is propaganda?
- ▶ How did the government raise money for the war?
- ▶ How could people at home contribute to the war effort?



▶ Daylight Saving Time

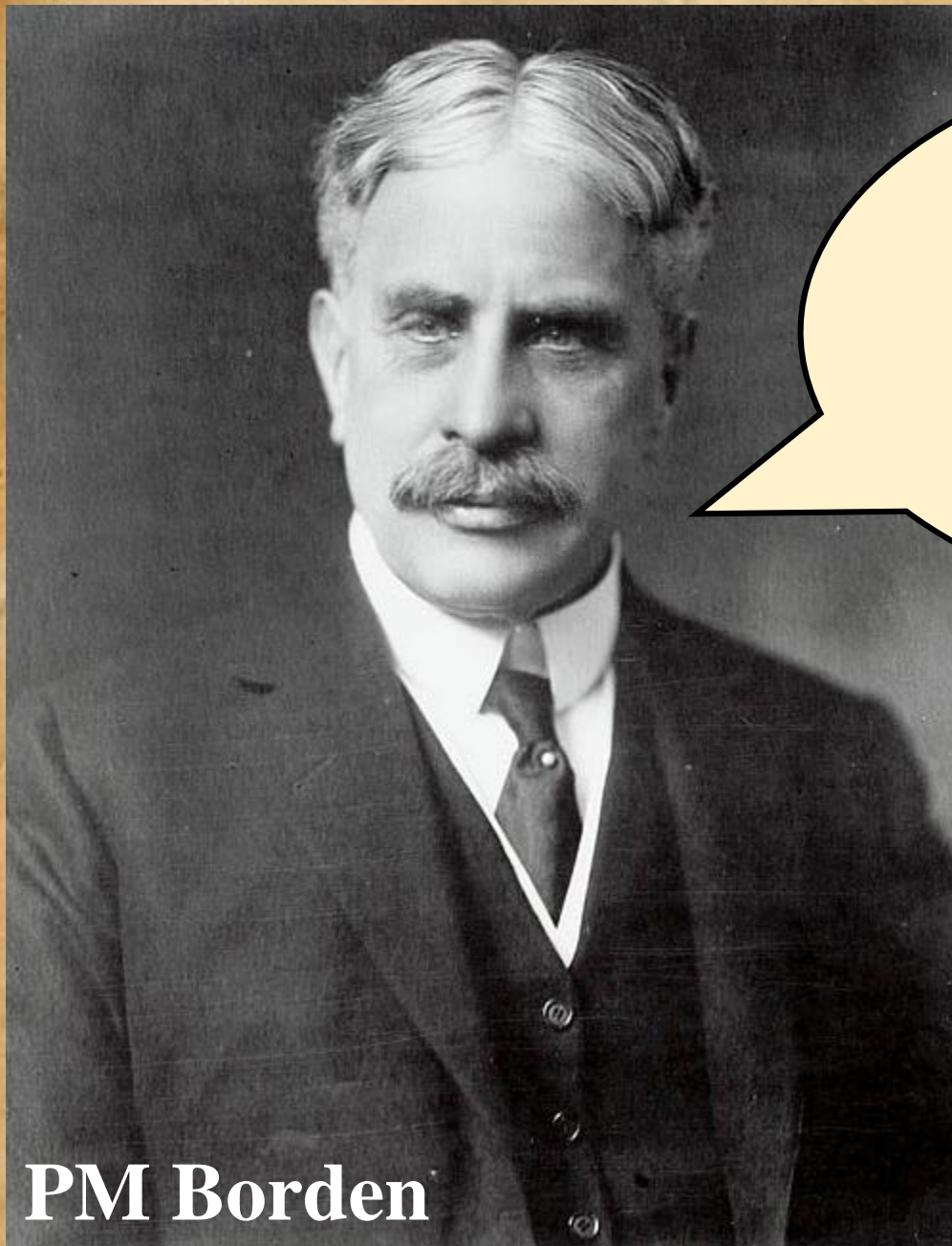
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Conscription, 1917

= Compulsory (forced) military service

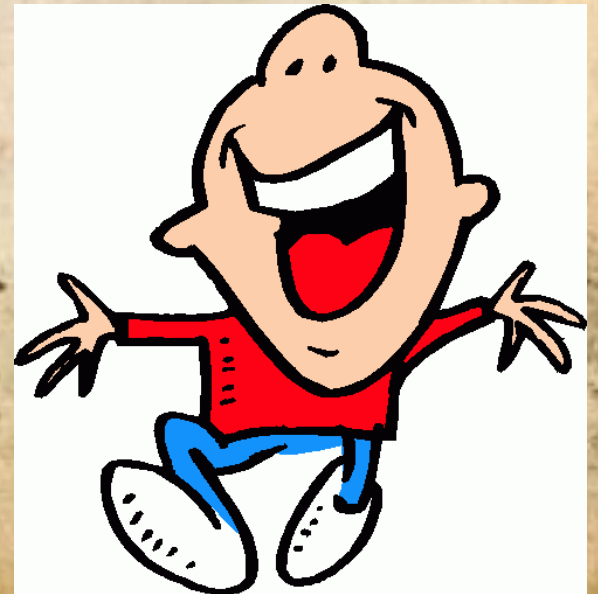


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PM Borden

Don't worry... we
won't make you fight
in the war... no
conscription!

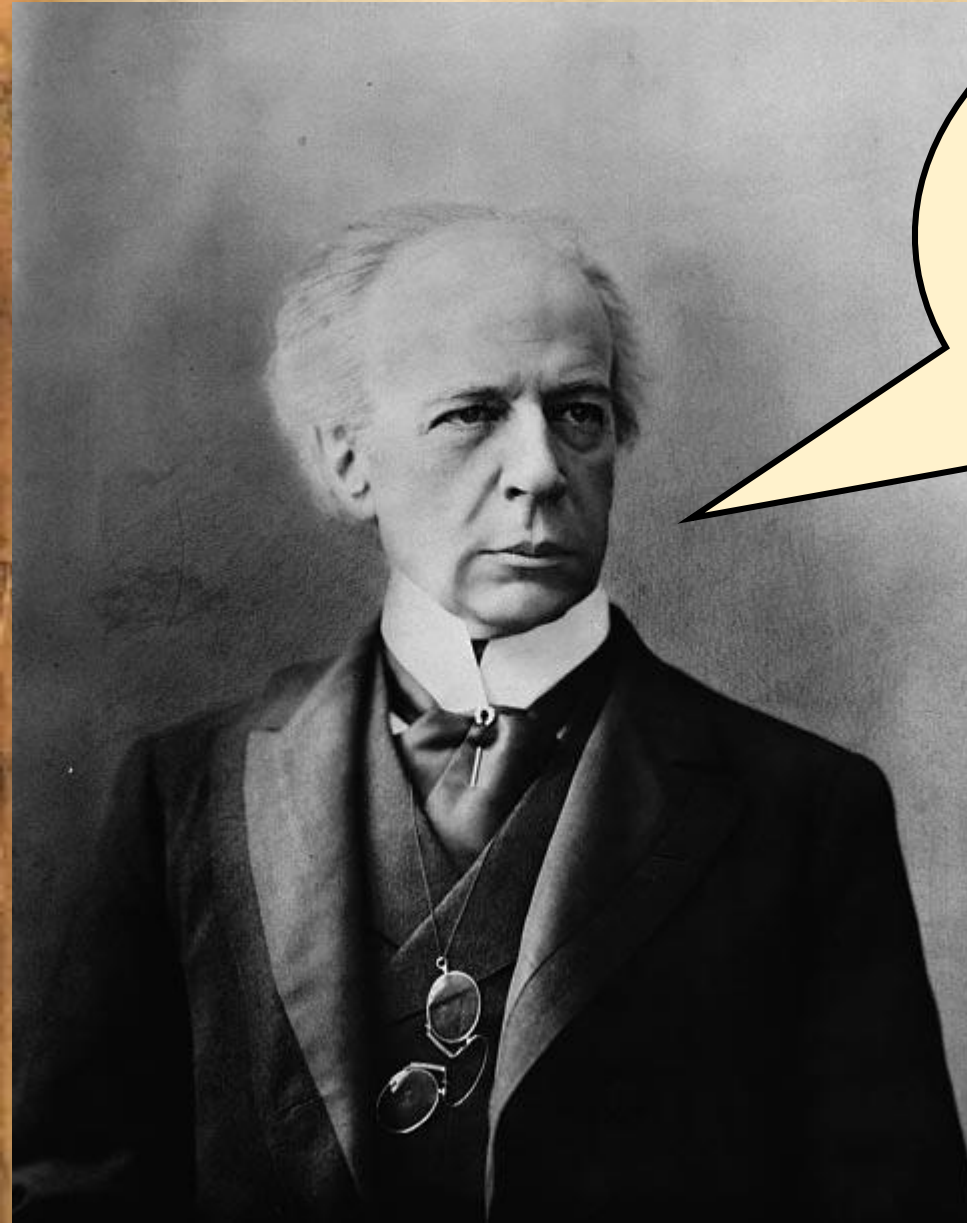




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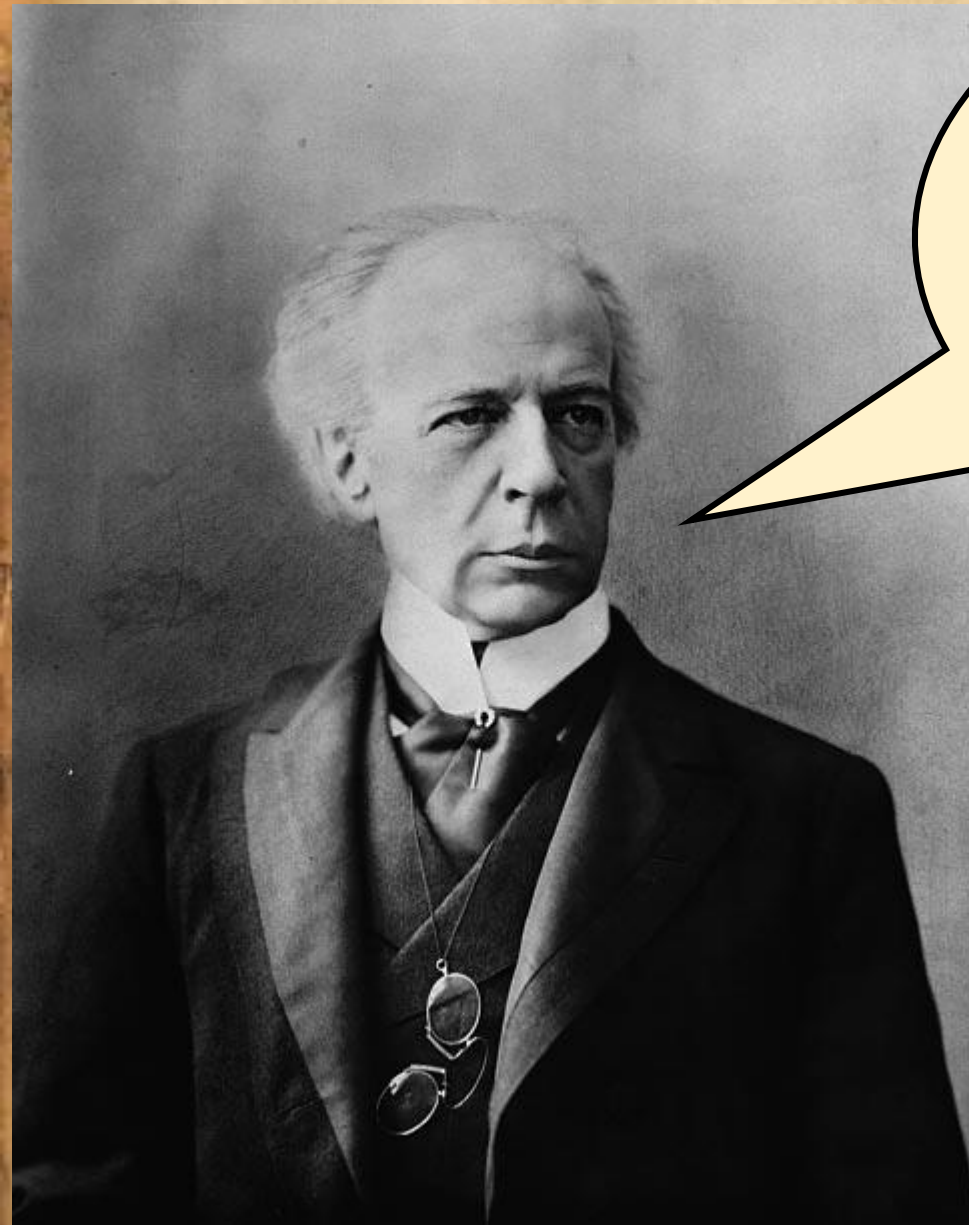
**We don't have enough
soldiers... they keep
dying and we have few
volunteers...
CONSCRIPTION!!!!**





NOPE!
The law of the land
declares that **NO** man in
Canada shall be
subjected to compulsory
military service except to
repel invasions!

(Wilfred Laurier, leader of
the opposition and former
Prime Minister)



**Borden, If you do this, it
will alienate Quebec, and
tear Canada apart!!!**

(Wilfred Laurier, leader of
the opposition and former
Prime Minister)



PM Borden

**I'm doing it anyways!!
CONSCRIPTION!**



Military Services Act: 1917

- Makes enlistment mandatory for all men 19-45
- Exemptions to several groups including **conscientious objectors** (people who opposed fighting on moral or religious grounds)
- Many French Canadians were against conscription especially **Henri Bourassa**.



Borden knows he must do something to sway voters in his direction...



Conscription riot in Montreal protesting the Military Service Bill

Military Voter's Act

- All British subjects (male and female) who were part of the Canadian Armed forces could vote.
- Voting was done overseas
Significance: Most people who were in the Canadian Armed Forces would vote for conscription because they were already in the Armed Forces.

Wartime Elections Act

- All wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of soldiers who are fighting overseas or have fought overseas would be granted the vote.
- The right to vote was denied to conscientious objectors, and those of enemy birth.
- Significance: All women who had relatives fighting overseas would support conscription.
- Conscientious objectors (clearly against conscription) would be denied the vote.



Canadian nurses voting in France



Women During WWI



Before the War



- Seen for “traditional” roles and duties.
- Recognized as objects of beauty, not for what they did (yet they did a lot)
- Could not vote in elections

WWI was a **turning point** for Women...



- ▶ Men left overseas for WWI

Women are forced/welcomed into the Workforce



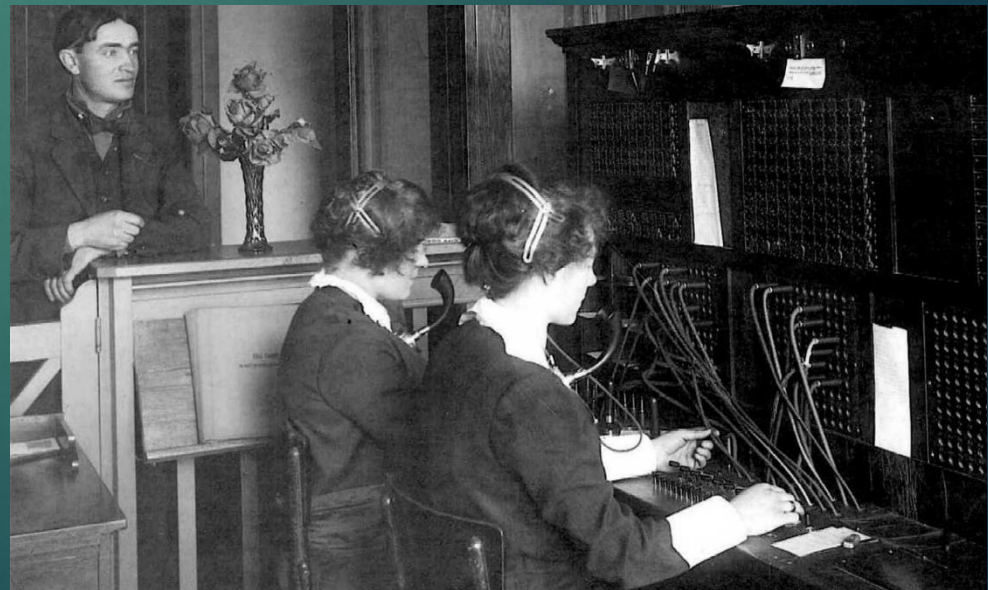
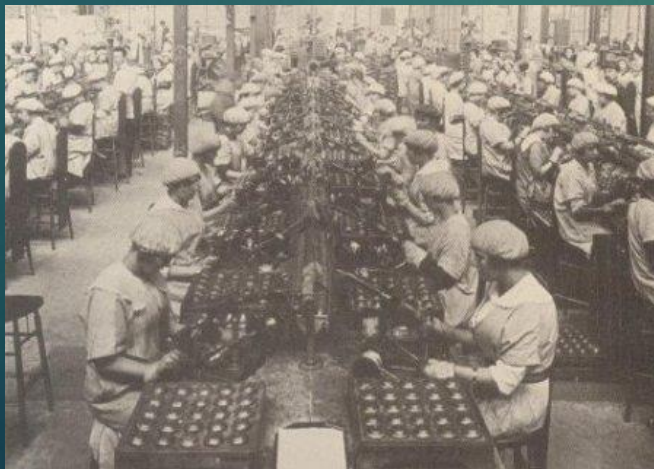
Women entered for 2 reasons:

- ▶ 1. Their sole support was gone and they needed money to survive
- ▶ 2. Factories were in demand of labour for the war effort.

Women's New Roles

▶ Emergency war jobs:

- ▶ phone operators
- ▶ telegraphers and stenographers
- ▶ Rail road Workers
- ▶ Factories, factories, factories.



Roles in the factories

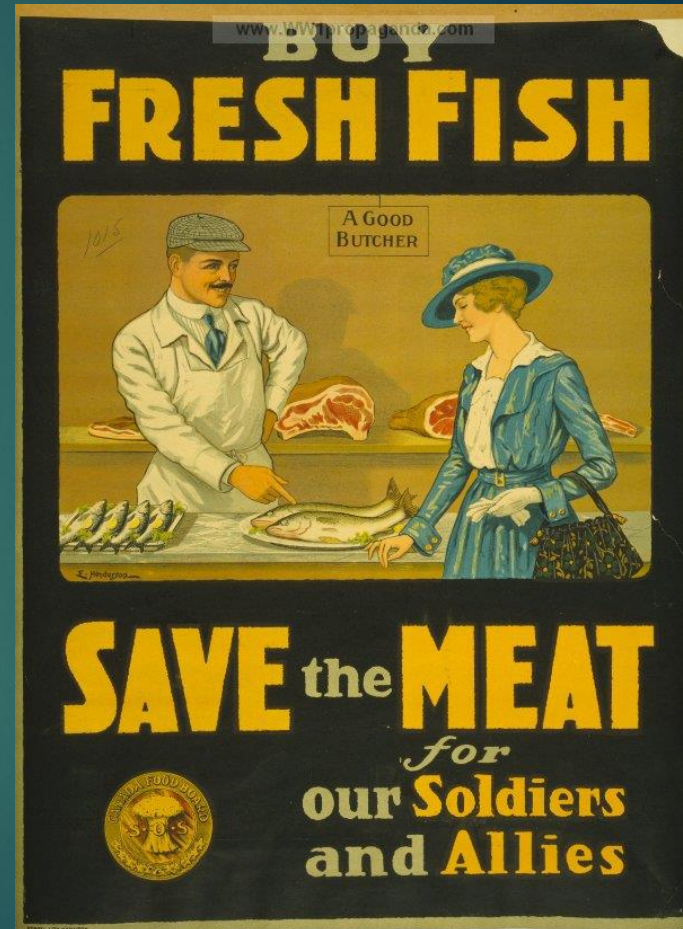
- ▶ Over 30,000 Canadian women worked in factories during the war making military supplies (guns, bullets, uniforms, ships, tanks etc).
- ▶ Women also employed as welders, fitters, machinists, riveters and numerous other jobs that before the war were considered to be “men’s work.”



War At Home

- ▶ New idea of war being fought on the home front, (what is this called!?)
- ▶ Woman can help fight the war at home;
 - ▶ Conserve coal, fuel, food, clothing, money
 - ▶ Prepare items for war (cloths, blanket, etc)

This is done through Peer and Media pressure



War At Home

- ▶ Children in blind schools in Canada spent time knitting and sewing items to be sent to Canadian soldiers fighting overseas.
- ▶ Along with others women who could not go overseas or work in a factory, they made things like socks, scarves, balaclavas pillows sheets, flannel shirts etc.



Everyone helps: inmates of School for Blind Knit
Source: A. A. Chesterfield Fonds, Queen's University Archives

Power of Persuasion

- ▶ Posters in Canada urged women to give their husbands and sons permission to join.
- ▶ Canadian women walked the streets and encouraged fit young men to enlist
- ▶ White feather campaign. Women would handout white feathers to able body men who were not willing to join (public humiliation).



**TO THE
YOUNG WOMEN
OF LONDON**

Is your "Best Boy" wearing Khaki? If not don't YOU THINK he should be?

If he does not think that you and your country are worth fighting for—do you think he is WORTHY of you?

Don't pity the girl who is alone—her young man is probably a soldier—fighting for her and her country—and for YOU.

If your young man neglects his duty to his King and Country, the time may come when he will NEGLECT YOU.

Think it over—then ask him to

JOIN THE ARMY TO-DAY

Suddenly producing a large white feather, she jabbed it into his waistcoat. And in another tone, fierce and scornful, she added: . . . "You coward! Why don't you enlist?"



TO THE WOMEN OF CANADA

1. You have read what the Germans have done in Belgium. Have you thought what they would do if they invaded this Country ?
2. Do you realize that the safety of your home and children depends on our getting more men NOW ?
3. Do you realize that the one word "GO" from you may send another man to fight for our King and Country ?
4. When the War is over and someone asks your husband or your son what he did in the great War, is he to hang his head because you would not let him go ?

**WON'T YOU HELP
AND SEND A MAN TO
ENLIST TO-DAY?**

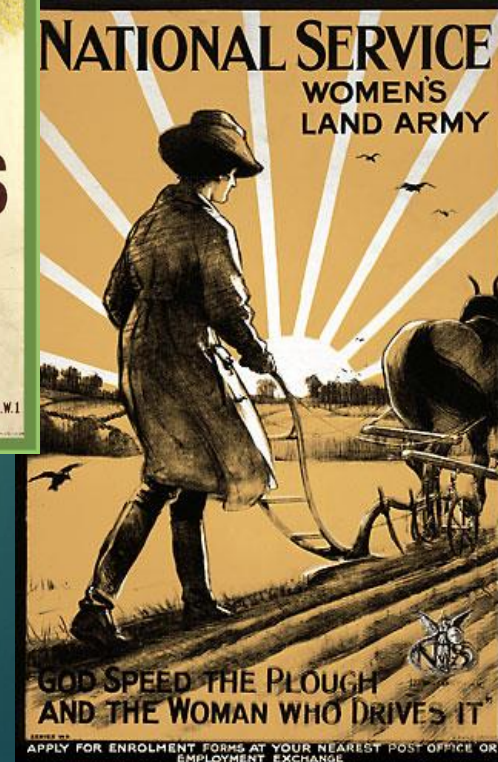
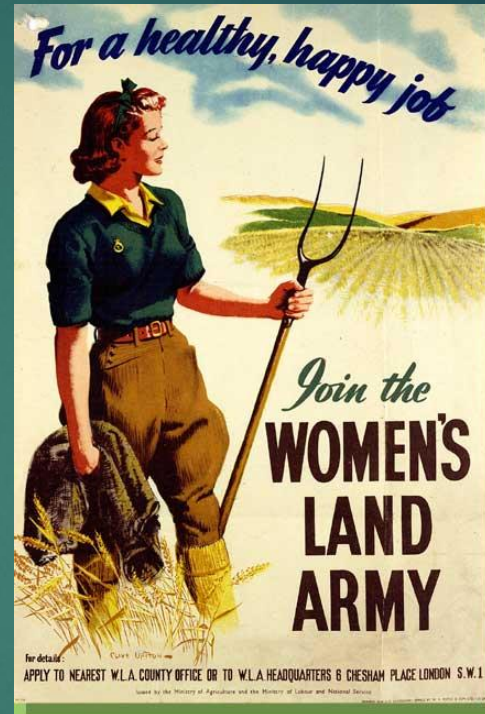
Their New Duties



- Keep soldiers equipped
- Keep the nation moving

Woman's Land Army

- ▶ In Britain and USA as sons and husbands off at war, women grouped together and were paid to farm.
- ▶ Hard labour, as tractors and fuel were saved for the war effort.
- ▶ Women also would raise money for the war effort.



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Women on the Front

Nursing = primary way to help overseas.

- ▶ 2000 women enlisted in Canadian Armed forces as nurses

Reasons for going;

- ▶ need \$\$, adventure, get out of roles,
- ▶ help war effort.





*Red Cross
Christmas
Roll Call
Dec. 16-23rd*

*The GREATEST MOTHER
in the WORLD*

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call Dec. 16-23rd



**IF YOU CANNOT
GIVE A LIFE**

YOU CAN

SAVE A LIFE

By Helping the Canadian Red Cross

Women on the Front

- ▶ 1000 Canadian Women were employed by the Royal Air Force as truck drivers, mechanics and ambulance drivers.



Conclusion

- ▶ Women emerge from male-dominated society. (turning point for women).
- ▶ This sets the stage for when women given political power.
- ▶ Women can vote in Manitoba 1916, B.C. 1917

FEDERALLY		
1917	War-Time Elections Act Military Voters Act	Women who are British subjects, relative of anyone in the military, or serving in military
1919	Electoral Franchise for Women	Women who are British subjects, 21 yrs, meet qualifications of men who vote.

- ▶ Women & WWI:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eW9jJZVKliE>

- ▶ Technologies at War

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KD5UI18WDfw>

- ▶ Ep1. The World at War

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xo45oqw2XNg>

- ▶ Ep. 2 Canada at War

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