

VALUE OF WOMEN WORKERS LEARNED BY MANUFACTURERS

British employers have learned the value of women labor during the war and now regret that a surplus of labor due to demobilization of soldiers, necessitates laying off the Women's Industrial League, which aims to secure equality of treatment and opportunity of employment for women. Viscountess Rhondda is president.

A questionnaire answered by 1,422 British firms, many of whom employed woman labor for the first time during the war, expressed themselves almost without exception as being highly satisfied with woman labor, while a majority of them regretted demobilization, lack of trade and uncertainty of the future plans forced them to dismiss women employees.

There are now 79,700 women employed by these 1,422 firms, which by no means represent a fair share of all which employ women labor today, as against 24,300 before the war. A third of the firms who employed women for the first time during the war have been able to retain them on some processes of manufacture, while another third would be willing to keep them on but for opposition from ex-soldiers.

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