

MOTOR DRIVERS, WOMEN

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MEMORANDUM

From: Miss Jones
To: Miss Van Kleeck
Subject: Employment of women as motor drivers in Great Britain and the United States.

Great Britain

- I. No material on -
 - A. Hours of labor
 - B. Conditions of service
 - C. On success of women -
 1. By inference only
 - a. The number of women employed in all forms of transportation has increased from 10,000 to 26,000 in one year, 1915-16.

II. Material on methods of obtaining and training recruits

- B. Motor drivers' schools
 1. General schools for drivers of ambulances, vans, buses
 2. Text of advertisement
tion "Instruction -- The following schools for instruction in motor driving and technical knowledge have been officially appointed by the Royal Automobile Club and recommended by it." (Note: The list of schools contained such significant titles as "The ladies' school of motoring," etc.)

"Full particulars can be obtained from any of the above schools upon application. Tuition fees range from about 3 pounds, 3 shillings to 15 pounds, 15 shillings, according to the length and nature of the course. Generally speaking a good knowledge of driving can be gained in about 2-4 weeks."

B. In "Women's work in war time", a handbook of employments by H. M. Osborne, published in London in 1917 the following appears.:

Mail van (motor) drivers

Qualifications - Intending candidates must pass the "Women volunteer reserve's" test for driving

Rates of pay - 35 shillings per week plus the war bonus of 12 shillings per month

- C. Effort made by employers to recruit workers
 1. The British Motor Cab Co. has a class for women drivers. The training is free provided the pupil undertakes, when trained to drive for the company. Course covers 2-3 weeks.

United States

1. No printed material.

2. Work done by Y. W. C. A.

a. Classes in motor driving formed all over the country, in larger cities.

(1) Experience in Washington

(a) Only one applicant

(b) No help from garages or Taxi-Co's.

x. Didn't want to have one of their men give up time to instruction

y. Seemed to find no labor shortage in obtaining drivers for their cars.

(2) In many other cities, series of classes were run, all well attended.

(a) Most applicants had ambulance driving in view.

3. Taxi-companies have utilized women.

a. Generally in cities of middle west

(1) In Indianapolis + girl drivers

(a) 10 hour day

(b) Same wages as men

(c) No school opened - utilized women who had had experience driving private cars.