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LONDON COUNTY COUNCILS.

ELECTION.

Elections for the London County Councils take place every three years on any day between March 1st. and March 8th inclusive.

CONSTITUTION.

The London County Council consists of 124 elected representatives. Sixty of the London Parliamentary divisions return two members each; one division (the City of London) returns 4 members. There are in addition 20 alderman who are elected by the Council for six years.

ELECTORS.

Councillors are elected by duly qualified local government electors and the wives of local government electors. Term of office is three years.

Every woman of 21 years of age who is not disqualified as an alien or in some other way, is entitled to be registered as a local government elector provided she has for the three months ending on 1st June,

- (a) occupied either as owner or tenant, singly or jointly, land or premises.
- (b) occupied unfurnished lodgings.
- (c) occupied a dwelling-house in virtue of an office, service or employment, provided that the employer does not live in the house.

CANDIDATES.

Candidates for election must be 21 years of age, and qualified either as local government electors, or as owners of property within the county, or as persons who have resided within the county for twelve months previous to an election.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

The London County Council has many and varied functions relating amongst other matters to:—

**PUBLIC HEALTH**—including provision and maintenance of Hospitals and Clinics for the treatment of general and infectious diseases, and registration and inspection of Nursing Homes,

**EDUCATION**—all branches, including provision and staffing of all State Schools and medical inspection of school-children.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—i.e. the relief of the destitute and the provision and maintenance of institutions for the destitute sick, aged, children and able-bodied.

CARE OF THE INSANE AND MENTALLY DEFICIENT ; CARE OF THE BLIND.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE and the training and supervision of mid-wives.

LICENSING of motor cars and drivers, public music and dancing-halls, theatres and cinematograph premises except those licensed by the Lord Chamberlain.

The London County Council is responsible also for the maintenance of public parks (other than the Royal Parks) and of many open spaces ; for main sewers and sewage disposal ; fire brigade ; street improvements ; ferries and bridges across the Thames (except those in the City) ; the maintenance and lighting of the Thames Embankment. It administers the Old Age Pensions Acts, the Widows' and Orphans' and Old Age Pensions Contributory Acts, and enforces the Employment of Children Act in addition to others.

#### IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK.

The importance of the work entrusted to the London County Council cannot be over-estimated. It affects the health, happiness, and social and moral well-being of every member of the community.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF WOMEN ELECTORS.

In London as in many other places the women local government electors out-number men electors.

Upon women equally with men rests the responsibility of selecting and electing men and women of high character, who are suitable for this important work, eager and willing to render intelligent and disinterested service to the great area they will be elected to represent next March.

#### WOMEN ELECTORS TAKE NOTE AND VOTE.

BERTHA MASON.

*For powers and duties of County Councils other than London see Leaflet No 5 (1934).*

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