

*Right Snatched From Women*

"It gives the franchise to some women and denies it to others. All those whose privilege it is to have near relatives amongst the soldiers will be voters. The right will be refused to all those not so privileged though their hearts are just as strong in the cause, and though they have worked incessantly for it. Moreover, in five provinces in the Dominion, namely, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, women have been admitted to the franchise. According to the terms of the Dominion law, which no sophistry can blur, being electors in the provinces, women are electors in the Dominion. The act of last session snatches away that right from them.

"The act is vicious in principle and is equally vicious in its enacting dispositions. We have in most of the provinces of the Dominion a regular system of preparing the voters' lists, and against that system no complaint has been heard during the last twenty years. That system is also cast aside, and lists are to be prepared by an army of so-called enumerators, whose work must be done in haste, whose powers are arbitrary, with no useful checks to be exercised in due time, and with all doors wide open for errors, confusion and frauds.

*The New Liberal Ministers*

"The Liberal members of the reconstructed Government have put the mantle of their respectability upon this nefarious act, as well as upon the Canadian Northern Railway act, and upon many others against which they strongly protested, and from which their presence in the Government cannot remove the dangerous and indefensible characters. Such legislation is repugnant to every sense of justice and right. It has for its object and for its effect to discourage and stifle the free expression of the will of the people, and to make parliamentary government a mere name without the reality.

*"A bold attempt is being made to silence the voice of the people by a systematic elimination of Liberal candidates from the field. It is my duty to appeal to all the friends of political freedom in every constituency to organize at once, in order to defeat such a conspiracy. Let the masses unite and select their own standard-bearers."*

*A Laurier Cabinet*

"Should I be called upon to form a government, I would hope to include in it representatives of business, of labor and agriculture, of the men whose sole object in dealing with the affairs of the country will be to devote the whole resources, wealth and energy of the country to the winning of the war. It can only be done by honest agreement amongst all the different elements and interests of the country. I would hope to have a government representative of the masses of the people, the common people, whose guiding principle should be to defend them against organized privilege, which has heretofore had far too much control over the government of the country. In this election it is my desire that the common people should have opportunity of expressing themselves in a free and untrammelled manner at the polls, so that their views may obtain in the new parliament, and I trust that in every constituency candidates, representatives of this policy, may be nominated so that the people can vote for them.

*In The Hands of The People*

"These considerations I now place before my fellow-countrymen, of all creeds, and of all origins, for their appreciation and judgment. I have deemed it my duty more than ever, perhaps, in the course of my long public life, to speak frankly and unequivocally upon the problems that now confront us. The obtaining or retaining of office is at all times only a secondary consideration. In this election the supreme end is to assist in the tremendous struggle in which we are engaged, to maintain the unity of the nation, to avoid the divisions and discords, which, for many years kept in check, are now unfortunately again looming up dangerous and threatening, to resolutely