

THE LADY WITH THE OTHER LAMP

Mrs. Read Johnston was a member of the Win-the-War Council. Early in the war she began to think a Union Government would be a solution to many war-time and after-war problems, so when it was suggested that the National Franchise Union should send a resolution to Ottawa to ask for Union Government and urge that there be no election during the war, she drew up this recommendation for the Union to forward.

"Resolved: That the National Equal Franchise Union desire to urge upon Sir Robert Borden the urgent necessity of making one further effort to form a National Government, as a general election at this moment would be fatal to the unity and economy so necessary to win the war.

"Further, it is urged that an election should not be held when the foreign and slacker element can vote, and the men at the front cannot do so."

A letter embodying this resolution was forwarded on July 28, 1917, by Mrs. L.A. Hamilton, the president, to the Premier, Sir Robert Borden, to the Leader of the Opposition, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and a copy to each member of the House of Commons. Answers were received by Mrs. Hamilton from the Premier, and many of the members endorsing the sentiments expressed and thanking the ladies for their interest and good suggestions.

The first fruits of citizenship came to the women at the great Win-the-War Convention at the Arena in Toronto, July, 1917. Invitations had been sent out on which it was stated, "Regretfully, ladies would be asked to occupy seats in the gallery." Mrs. Johnston wrote to