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WOMEN'S CLUBS AND THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Miss Mabel Peters Calls Attention To a Striking Article by a Michigan Suffragist On the Duty of Womanhood In This Matter.

Cocoa, Florida, January 28th, 1908.

Editor Times:

Sir,—Knowing that the Woman's Club of St. John are to be asked by the Suffragists to endorse their petition to the legislature for full parliamentary suffrage, and knowing, as I do, the avowed "conservative" sentiment of some of the Woman's organizations only too well, I feel that the following, taken from an article by Mrs. Rose E. Helme, in the Michigan Patron, of Jan. 1st, is very appropriate to the situation.

MABEL PETERS.

THE "CONSERVATIVE" WOMAN'S CLUB.

There are certain women's clubs, even as there are certain individuals who seem, by some impossible process of reasoning, (or lack of reasoning), to have acquired the idea that to call themselves "conservative" is to rate themselves as somewhat superior to the so-called "common class"—that great army of struggling, striving human beings who are doing most of the world's work and who are directly responsible for most of the world's progress and achievement. The universal upward-and-outward movement of woman-kind today has no stumbling block in its way of so serious proportions as this conservative woman's club which has no enemy (unless it be the saloons) so crafty and so powerful as this "conservative" woman. There is no other one thing which would have so powerful an influence in the elevating of our moral standard, as the universal enfranchisement of women, a casting off of the fetters, mistakenly forced, which have since time began bound her—not the body, but the soul—to a life of narrow creeds and limitations. But the circle of her limitation is ever widening by sheer force of necessity, and it is merely a question of time when she will come into her full inheritance. The average man of today means to be just and broad and would, I feel sure, welcome woman to a place by his side, but this "conservative" will not have it so; not only does she insist on staying in the rear herself, but she will use her combined influence to keep the great sisterhood of women in moral slavery. And the very women who are doing this are the women who, in each instance, are claiming themselves up as examples of superior intelligence, moral integrity and religious devotion. This is why the blow which they strike is double edged, and why they

should think seriously before throwing their influence into the balance. In support of my statements I wish to quote that our best authorities define "conservative" as "adhering to the existing order of things, opposed to change; hence, often opposed to progress."

Look about you, yes, and look backward into the pages of history, who are the ones who have stepped bravely out from the ranks and led the procession onward in the great march of civilization. Is it the "conservatives" or is it the thinkers, the bold, the dauntless souls who have lost sight of self in striving for universal betterment.

Remember, the greatest soul is always the one with the broadest conception of individual liberty. Show me one "conservative" who has marched one mile along the highway of progress and I will show you a dozen anti-conservatives whose influence has belted the globe.

To return to the question at issue—the suffrage question—all of the really great men, the great women, the great teachers, the great statesmen, the great poets, past and present, have been, and are, in favor of suffrage for women. It could not be otherwise, for the real student soon discovers that the only real argument in the case is that it is "everlastingly right."

All other puny arguments and excuses are soon swept away in the light of this one great truth. It is not a question of asking for any rights which we do not now possess, that would be impossible. It is merely the question of using the rights and privileges bestowed upon us by our Creator.

When a body of intelligent and cultured women express a desire to remain in a class with the disfranchised citizen, they are, to say the least, seeking society that is anything but elevating; the savage, the idiot, the criminal, the slave (if such there be) and the insane. We all know that the most humiliating punishment that our government can inflict upon an intelligent citizen is to take from him the right of citizenship, to disfranchise him, and to make of him an outcast and a nonentity.

To the women's clubs who have not "studied this subject I would respectfully suggest that they lay aside for a few seasons, the study of ancient history and things remote, and give their attention to the pressing needs of the day, so that they may be prepared to throw their influence without hesitation on the right side of any question submitted to them.

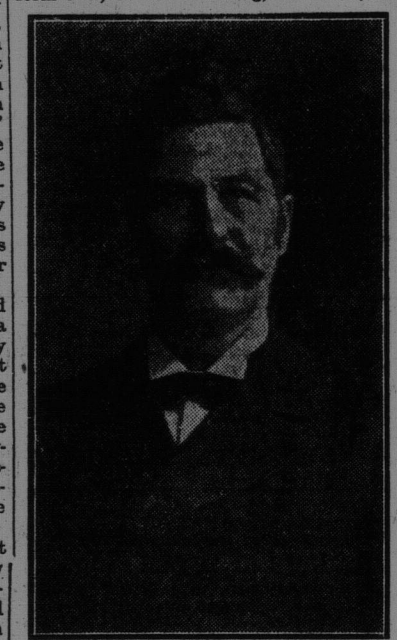
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J. K. FLEMMING'S CHALLENGE TO THE PREMIER

Hon. C. W. Robinson Must Make Good or Retract.

Mr. Fleming Invites the Premier To Hold Joint Debate With Him in St. John On the Provincial Finances.

Hartland, N. B., Feb. 18.—Interviewed by your correspondent as to whether he would let the matter of challenging the premier to meet him on the public platform rest, J. K. Fleming, M. P. P., re-



J. K. Fleming, M. P. P.

plied emphatically that he did not intend to do so.

"Yesterday," said he, "I wrote the premier and as the letter is not a private one The Telegraph is at liberty to print it."

He produced the document and the following is an exact copy:

"Hartland, N. B., Feb. 17, 1908."

"Hon. C. W. Robinson:

"Dear Sir:—On Jan. 1st last you characterized statements made by me which appeared in The Telegraph of Dec. 31 re provincial finances as 'unparalleled misrepresentations and an insult to the intelligence of the people.' I invited you to meet me in St. John and thus give me an opportunity of discrediting me before the people of the province, if your words were true or justified.

"I wish now to advise you that I will be in St. John for a public meeting on Feb. 21st next, when I will refer to this matter and I ask you to come there and on a common platform make good your words.

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2 Sewall.

Main 1886—City Corporation Stable, 19 Car-

marthen.

Rothney 2—Fairweather, J. H. A. L., res-

idence, Main Rd., Rothney.

Main 2027—Holler, J. A., residence, 45 Ade-

laid.

Main 69-11—Hornbrook, N. A. & Co., Furni-

ture, King, number changed from Main

122-4 to Main 69-11.

Main 1271—Holly, Murray McL., residence, 88

Main.

Main 14—Hannington, T. B., residence, 7

Fiddock.

Main 146-11—McDonald, John F., residence, 42

Garden, number changed from Main 127-

4 to Main 146-11.

Main 1218-11—McPartland, E., Custom Tailor,

Pressing and Repairing, 72 Princess.

Main 1886—Friedrich, Joseph H., residence, 95

Elliot Row.

F. C. NISBET,

Local Manager.

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MONCTON SMALLPOX AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Because of there being several smallpox cases in Moncton the St. John board of health held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss the situation as affecting St. John. A report from the Moncton board of health was received, stating that there have been seven cases in four houses, that all the cases except one have been placed in isolation hospital, that all precautions have been taken and that the situation is not alarming.

Dr. Fisher, secretary of the provincial board of health, was also communicated with. The St. John board had met to discuss the advisability of placing a medical man on the train but this was considered as unnecessary as matters now stand.

John E. Ryan, of Norton, was in the city yesterday en route to Boston, where he will visit for two weeks.

Col. D. McLeod Vines, of Woodstock, was in town yesterday.

\$390,606.10.

In the Auditor General's Report, the above amazing sum is alleged to have been expended on Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, during ONE YEAR, 1906:—

Ordinary Bridges, Wharves, etc., -	\$ 94,826.20	Report Page 124
Permanent Bridges, - - - -	79,297.47	" 171
Road Superintendents, - - - -	72,724.41	" 145
Special Expenditure Roads, - -	5,339.10	" 139
By Roads, St. John Co., - - -	2,410.20	" 142
Advance from 1907 on Account, -	69,999.00	" from 174 to 289
Municipal Grant, - - - - -	66,009.72	" 145
Total 1906 expenditure, - - -	\$390,606.10	

Remember, this immense sum—representing as it does 44 per cent. or almost **ONE-HALF OF THE TOTAL REVENUE OF THE PROVINCE**--was mostly given by the Government to its own adherents as **PAYMENT IN ADVANCE** for such wretched work as our people have seen for themselves and suffered through—or, work that was never done at all! Thus did the Government ruthlessly sacrifice on the altar of Graft, the vital interests of the whole community of friends and foes alike—and this. **SOLELY THAT A LIMITED FEW OF ITS INDIVIDUAL ADHERENTS MIGHT REAP A DISHONORABLE REWARD.**

Does the present lamentable condition of our roads and bridges yield the slightest evidence of the **HONEST** expenditure of the above amount by the Government?

FARMERS, what do YOU think about it?
COUNTRY PEOPLE generally, what have you to say?

Is it not time you had a Government which would consider the interests of **ALL**, rather than the interests of a few favorites in each constituency? Then

Vote the Opposition Ticket.