

so regularly and systematically ignored? Why are women not given equal pay for equal work? Why are women debarred from taking up homesteads? Why are women, physically weaker than men, further handicapped in the race of life by political nonentity? Why are women on election day classed with idiots, lunatics and criminals? These are some of the questions women are asking in this Province and the wise politician is the one who listens. It is no use to try to hush us up, we refuse to be hushed. These questions cannot be smoothed over, they must be settled.

Politicians tell us it would never do to give women equal pay with men or let them take up homesteads, for that would make women even more independent of marriage than they are at the present time, and it is not independent women we want—it is population.

Granting that population is very desirable, would it not be a wise plan to try to save what we have? Six thousand boys are needed in Canada every year to take the place of the six thousand drunkards who drop out of the race. How would it be to save them? Thousands of babies die every year from preventable causes. Would it not be a good plan to try to save them? In the far West where women are beyond the reach of nurses and doctors, many mothers and babies die every year from lack of medical skill. How would it be to save them? Public spirited women, but alas, without votes, have interviewed august bodies on the subject of sending Government nurses to these brave women who pay the toll of colonization. These delegates have always been courteously received and complimented on their work, but up to date not one dollar of government money has been spent, notwithstanding the fact that when a prince or a duke comes to our country to visit, we can pour out money like water.

Women are beginning to think of these things and to talk of them, and the argument which is so often put forth—it would suit women better to go home and darn their children's stockings—does not exactly relieve the difficulty. It does not take all of woman's energy or brains to keep the stockings darned or the meals cooked. Women are cooks and housemaids and home