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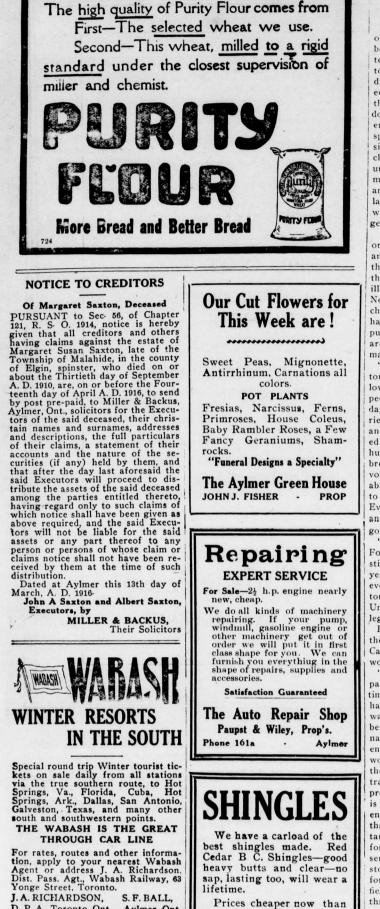
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of their similarity to men, and also to think men and women entirely different beings, and we start this done all we can to intensify the difference in sexes. Woman is of the same species as man, and because of her similarity should be given the franchise. Can you think that man can

understand home conditions as a woman? Man can legislate for finance and business, but women should legislate for home and children. Men and women should work hand in hand together for the welfare of the state.

"Women should have the vote in order that laws concerning women and children be made better. Now, the law does not even give the mother the right to her child. Only the illegitimate mother has such right. No wife can claim her husband's child. A married woman cannot now have a patent even of land she may purchase. Laws regarding women are unfair, and it needs women to make these laws just.

"We women," continued the Doctor, "have always heard that the men love us, and hold us on some high pedestal, except on wash days and days like that. When a woman marries, she gives up a lot-liberty, name, and even her country, for she is forced to assume the nationality of her husband. It is hard to see some old broken-down man go to the polls to vote, and a tax-paying woman not able to say by the ballot, 'I would like to have Mr. So-and-So represent me.' Every election women are insulted and mortified to see such creatures going to the polls.

"The penalty for crime is unjust. For example, the punishment for prostitution is two years, bigamy seven years, and if a person should steal even \$2 worth of material from a factory the penalty is fourteen years. Until women have a voice in the legislation, inequality will remain." Here the speaker called attention to the leading men of Great Britain and Canada who are in favor of votes for women.

"Women are proving the important part they play in war. Ever since the time of the Crimean War women have had an important work in times of war. Even in Bible times, we remember, Jael, through her cunning, drove a nail through the head of Sisera, her enemy at war. Women now even work in the munition factories, but their important work is in the ministration to the sick and wounded. The preservation and conservation of life is almost as important as that the enemy should be beaten. Why was that monument erected here in Ontario in memory of Laura Secord, but for the fact that women have given service in time of war. Did you ever stop to think," said the speaker, "that for every body lying on the battlefield of Europe, some woman walked through the Valley of Death. Wo-

intention that we should manifest these differences of the sexes, and carry them out to their logical conclusion. It is not a mistake for us to emphasize and intensify the differences between the sexes, and I do not because of their unlikeness. The lat- | want my girl to be a boy. In olden ter we seem most to ignore. We seem times, when the sexes were more

equalized, the morality was very low, and did you ever hear of the Huns doeducation from the cradle, and when the children are grown up, we have act of Jael in driving the nail through Sisera's head? "If women were given the franchise the homes would be neglected, as they are by man to-day. Man is engaged in commerce and finance, and consequently is forced to neglect his children. It would be unfortunate for Canada if the children were neglected by mothers as, necessarily, by fathers to-day.

"Woman's mind is not more just than man's mind. Laws are the result of moral suasion, education, and influence. Woman's influence in her own sphere is just as great as man's in his sphere. "Woman gives up a lot when she

marries, but did you ever think what she gets? She gets another name, and is not nameless. It is purely a matter of her own choice whether she marries or not. She gives up these things from free choice, and therefore

should be prepared to bear the consequences. Man also gives up a lot of things when he marries, but not because he has the franchise, not because his wife has not. This is no rgument that women should vote. Right to vote is not vested in property. One hundred voters to one do not own property. Universal Manhood Franchise is lacking in this respect. "Inequality in punishments are not

all found to be against women. All suffer in this respect. It is not in the circle of reasoning to say that equal franchise would give equalized jusice.'

Mr. Charlton read quotations from an article written by a woman, showing that in countries and states where they have woman franchise, that conditions are not so good, and in many instances even prohibition could not be carried. In Australia, where they have equal suffrage, the cost of legislation has increased 133 per cent.

"It does not follow," he continued, 'that sanitary conditions depend on

woman franchise. Civiliaztion, culture, etc., are responsible for these conditions, because the welfare of the people demands it. Franchise is not an inherent right of citizenship, but merely and solely an incident of citizenship. And referring to the war, why, do you know that nine out of ten chaps in khaki now are nonvoters; therefore, it is not an argument that women should have the ote because of their help in the war. "The best welfare of the state is in the sanctity of its women, not in arms or financial efforts, but in the high state of its womanhood. The old saying is still true that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world. The highest affairs of state are developed in the home. Is it not sufficient that the provider of the family cast a vote for the family. "Joan of Arc is not a sight for the man suffers more hardship and pain twentieth century. How would you to provide bodies for war than all like to see one of Aylmer's young ladthe pain and hardship experienced on lies astride one of Will King's greys, go charging down the street, ing the value of life as no man can and saying, 'Come on, boys?' Minis trations of mercy, that is woman's work. Boys of 17, 18 and 19 are in the "that all countries where woman has be in the war is no reason why wo trenches, but cannot vote. Ability to men should have the franchise."



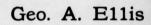
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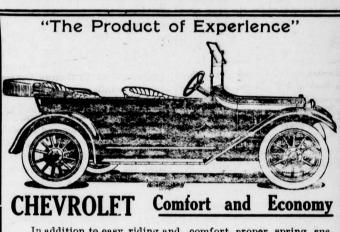
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the battlefield. Thus woman, knowlegislation.

"It is a noticeable thing," she said, been granted the franchise, it has been particularly noted that the mortality of children has fallen considerably in every case, and better sani-tary and educational conditions are experienced."

Mr. Charlton.

In opening his remarks, Mr. Charlton called the attention of the judge to the fact that this was not a senti mental question, but a matter of hard Rutherford, in his announcement, said facts and worthy intellectuality. He claimed his worthy opponent's arguments were entirely based on the sentimental. English law is purely matter of sentiment regarding the custody of children. In this country the Children's Aid Societies take con trol from both parents, and man is even refused the sight of his own offspring.

"Perhaps difficulties did arise when men asked for the franchise," said the speaker, "but if women desire the franchise, they would do well to develop different methods than to imitate the accursed man.

"Democracy and franchise do not necessarily go together. The power of the people does not rest in the franchise. The elector has not to gov-ern. Man gives away his right to govern with his vote. Legislation is

the upshot of public control, and influenced by the power of the people over those to whom control is given. "My opponent argues," said Mr. Charlton, "that women should be

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In replying, Dr. Backus did herself credit in attempting to tear down the arguments of Mr. Charlton, and some good fun was experienced. While the judges retired, Mr

Parker favored the audience with another fine organ selection. The judges were Mrs. R. R. Caughey, Mr. W W. Rutherford, and Dr. Sinclair. Mr the judges had disagreed, as he was

the only one who thought Dr. Backus had scored a victory, and the judges had suggested that the audience give their opinion. A vote was taken, and awarded the decision to the negative. The singing of the National Anthem brought an interesting evening to a close

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