

Women's Affairs of a Fortnight Briefly Noted

VICTORIA ladies are doing their best to correct the Arnold Bennet impression that concert-goers hear music for the most part "in a state of beatific coma"—so he puts it—"like a baby looking at a bright light." Victoria, at any rate, is being educated, through the agency of Ladies' Musical Club.

A year of really astonishing progress was recently reported and the following list of officers re-elected: President, Mrs. Hermann Robertson; Secretary, Miss Cecilia Helmcken; Treasurer, Miss Cecilia Green; Professional Secretary, Miss Lilian Smith; Executive, Mesdames Richard Nash, Bennett, H. C. Hanning-ton, Harry Briggs, Saunders, Duncan Ross, Tilley and J. D. Gordon and Misses McNaughton Jones and Alexa Russell.

ACCORDING to the mind of Miss Rattee, a social worker who recently addressed the Presbyterian Assembly in Toronto, a Joan of Arc is needed at once to clean up Canada. Why, we would ask, a Joan of Arc? Why go to France,

when Victoria ladies won the game, against Tacoma and Seattle.

THE Management Committee of the Board of Education is considering the immediate establishment in Toronto of a separate school for mentally defective children. Recently a deputation from the Parents' Association waited upon the committee and pointed out the profit which London, England, is gaining from such a move. London has now one hundred special schools for the help of this class.

MISS GEORGINA BINNIE-CLARK, the successful woman farmer, the lecturer, the author, the musician and the suffragette, has just completed her lectures in England, on immigration subjects, and is back on her land again at Fort Qu'Appelle. Miss Binnie-Clark made no shift of her ground, when interviewed in Toronto, despite the amount of criticism, in Vancouver especially, her statements concerning the state of the West, in her recent addresses, evoked.

A Few Funny Assertions

By E. R. MacDONALD

THESE are a few of the very amusing objections offered to Equal Suffrage:

"Why should women vote? They are represented by the men of their household."

Are they, indeed? Does a man have a vote for each woman of his household? A man with a wife, four daughters, and two sisters (let us say), would then have seven votes besides his own special one. Quite exciting and distracting for the man! And if it is true

that men are representing the women in exercising the franchise, should not they be willing to let us represent them

in the same way? Would they like to rest from their arduous political labour of casting the ballot, and let the women of their household do it for them? I think not! May I be pardoned by the ultra-refined if I quote a homely and most applicable proverb—"What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander!"

"If women vote, they ought to fight and do police duty"—objection two.

Women are already doing police duty in many places, with excellent results. As to fighting, men vote who never fight and never intend to fight. Is militarism to form the standard of our civilization? Our statesmen, clergymen, doctors, lawyers, musicians, artists, authors, according to this objector, should lose the vote at once. "It would interfere with a woman's business, the care of the house," say the critics.

This is one of the most trivial and laughable of all the so-called "reasons" for objecting to equal suffrage. In the first place, not by any means all women make housework their profession, any more than all men chop



MISS ETHEL TODD

Whose Engagement to Mr. Harry Buttell Created Interest in Ottawa Society.

with militant ladies at large by the tens and fifties 'ome in England? An economic solution at last to the how-to-manage-the-militancy problem! One excuses the foreign idea on the score of the speaker's Frenchy predilections.

THE long-suffering down-town girl, a being of whom there are thousands in Toronto, has, together with other lunchers-in-public, a champion of her health in Dr. Hastings. No more is it needful to take the precaution of dipping the spoon in the drinking-goblet and wiping it surreptitiously off on the tissue paper napkin. The spoon and all the other utensils are henceforth to be virgin upon arrival; the fine, in default, being five to twenty dollars.

MRS. ELEANOR ROBINSON, of St. John, New Brunswick, has given up the private school which she and Miss Coster jointly conducted for some years in that city, in order to assume the editorship of the "Canadian Review." The paper, which for many years has been published by Dr. G. U. Hay, will continue under the control of Mrs. Hay.

THE "singer with two voices," Miss Dorothy Toye, has again been scoring a list of successes in Western Canada. Miss Toye is a Manitoba young woman; nevertheless, her praise in Regina, Nelson and other places, is due to more than the fact that she is a native. The remarkable double-voice of Miss Toye—tenor and soprano—was appraised by New York audiences last March.

THE present days are the holy days of the golf enthusiast—whose name is increasingly Woman, in this country. Miss Violet Pooley, of British Columbia, distinguished herself recently in British golfing circles by her splendid play in the fight for the Ladies' Championship, in England. Miss Ravenscroft, last year's champion, lost to Miss Pooley. Another brilliant Pacific Coast golfer is Mrs. Ricardo, who recently played



AN OTTAWA BRIDE

Miss Phyllis McCullough, Whose Marriage to Mr. Fred Carling, Jr., Was Celebrated This Month.

wood or clean streets as a means of livelihood. In the second place, whatever a woman's work in the world may be, it takes her no longer to cast the ballot than it takes a man to perform the same duty. Do men find that voting seriously interferes with their daily avocations? If so, why not give it up? Think of the work you might be doing while you are casting that vote!

WEDDED.

TWO weddings of first social importance in Canada this season were: the marriage of Miss Katie Hazen, daughter of the Hon. J. D. and Mrs. Hazen, to Mr. Hugh MacKay, at St. John, on June 18th, and the marriage of Miss Millie White, daughter of the late Hon. Thomas White, to the Hon. George H. Perley, Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, at Ottawa, last week.



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