

ALL THE NEWS OF ST. JOHN CITY AND VICINITY

SUFFRAGETTES
ARE DEFENDED

Mrs. Currey Points Out Weakness in Arguments Against Giving Women the Vote—Suffrage Coming.

To the Editor of The Standard.

Sir:—Last Saturday's issue of your paper contained an extraordinary assertion. The writer speaks of the former pride in being an "Englishman," but the article's postscript bespeaks femininity. The letter is short on grammar and shorter on ideas, but since "A.E.B." is interested enough in the suffrage question to bawl over in a newspaper, she may be glad to add to her slender stock of knowledge. It is gratifying to find that she has (somewhat tardily) noticed "a germ that has got into women's veins lately." But she, like many other vehement anti-suffragists, is afflicted with mental strabismus that prevents her from noting that germ in any but Englishwomen. Since its presence in those particular veins has caused the temperature to rise unduly, "A. E. B." can console herself with the fact that it is only in England that that germ has "run amok."

The English suffragette is making a big noise, and she and we may differ as to the wisdom of that noise; but, gentle lady, the militant forms but a small portion of the number of women seeking suffrage even in England, and compared with the vast army all over the world in whose veins that germ is developing, the band of windersnashers is an insignificant squad indeed.

I am not discussing what has caused the suffragette. Suffragettes, unlike poets, are not born, they are made. Trust "A. E. B." interest in the subject will lead her to look into their forty years' war and, perhaps, she may find things that will open her eyes. She may even become a suffragette herself. But one thing she will find: that if she took on a man's duty and passed a sentence upon Mrs. Pankhurst—the vindictiveness of which is eloquent of the qualities which centuries of "influencing" have developed—she would have no more effect on the fight for suffrage in England or the world, than picking off one soldier has in any other contest.

"If these women had the vote they would undoubtedly cause many heartaches." Women have not needed the vote to perfect themselves in the "heartaching" line. All able-bodied sewing circles of the olden time, and an assemblage of gossiping females, making a strictly feminine round of afternoon calls, can cause more real heartaches than the present day suffragist ever did or will.

The earnest women "A. E. B." so misjudges are seeking to discover the cause of heartaches—bad food, poor housing, false weights, social evil, in temperance, civic mismanagement, poor factory laws, the growth of the pauper and criminal, indifference will never solve these problems. Man, alone with the seven hundred years of various grades of franchise as Anglo-Saxon, has not done so. He has been trying to propel his boat with but one paddle. The suffragist says: Let me take the other oar.

"What do most women in factories and stores know about the vote?" In the first place, it was the spirit of the suffragist that made it possible for women and girls to earn their livelihood in factory, store, school or office. It was the spirit of the suffragist that gave to women the right of higher education, the right to make a will, to testify in court, to make a contract, to claim her own wages, to do many things which careless men and women of today think "just happened."

These, madam, the spirit of the suffragist has obtained for you within fifty short years, and in every case it was the woman who did not "want it" who cast the stone at her. Remember that in all ages the bulk of mankind has never "wanted things." In all times, it was the woman who did not "want it" who cast the stone at her. Remember that in all ages the bulk of mankind has never "wanted things." In all times, it was the woman who did not "want it" who cast the stone at her.

"If they want men's rights let them do men's work." We do not wish men's rights and we do not wish to do men's work. There are very few strictly men's rights and few strictly women's rights. But there are a vast number of human beings' rights. Voting simply means casting an opinion. The right to have an opinion does not presuppose going to the "wars" nor cleaning drain pipes, nor any of the other things "A.E.B." would like to give to the suffragist. The field a man or a woman occupies should be regulated by his or her ability, not by the voting privilege, but the equality of the field is decided largely by that privilege.

Yes, I know there is that beautiful and touching theory of "ruling unconsciously" and "being a man's man." We have had several centuries of it, and a good deal of the cat in woman has been developed because of that purring, ingratiating way of contriving to carry a point. For my part, I'll take what influence I may have straight, thank you. If a measure is good or an official is bad why should I not say so, instead of hanging on to a man's coat tails and wheedling him into seeing my point of view through his eyes?

Did you ever see a man who looked at a thing just as a woman looked at it? Men and women do not approach truth from the same angle, because they are fundamentally different; and because of that, one class can never represent the other fairly. We are simply asking that women who, being women, see things as men can not, we are asking that women represent themselves.

"A.E.B." admits that in the education of children and the construction of kitchens and laundries, a woman is a better judge than man. She is. But

with no power but that aforesaid "influence" and "unconscious ruling" where is she to begin in the education of the child and where is she to leave off? Merely being a judge of things will not help her.

If in the bringing up of that child she has not something to say about the quality of milk it drinks, the building regulations that affect its housing, the health rules that concern its safety in sanitation and epidemics, the class of studies and the general education that develops it mentally, and the civic management that affects it socially and morally, she plays a pitifully small part after all.

The old life of womanhood has altered. New industrial conditions have taken many duties out of the housewife's immediate home life. But those duties are not diminished; only changed. She must carry on her house-keeping on a somewhat larger scale, that is all.

Does "A.E.B." think women can never do this. It has been done in some parts of the world for forty years. In many other parts of the world, it has been tried for twenty years. In a still larger share of this terrestrial sphere it is the most vital subject under discussion. In a few years the greater portion of civilized countries will have given suffrage to women. "A.E.B." has evidently been napping. But the world moves, even when Rip Van Winkle sleeps.

MARY E. CURREY,
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April 3, 1913.

WEDDINGS

Buchanan-Folkins.
The wedding of Arthur W. Buchanan and Miss Elsie L. Folkins took place Wednesday evening at 242 Duke street, Rev. T. J. Delstad officiating. The bride was witnessed only by her immediate friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan will make their home at 30 Nelson street, West End. They receive many nice presents from their friends.

OBITUARY.

Andrew Brown.
Yesterday morning the death of Andrew Brown occurred at his residence, East St. John. He had been in failing health for the last two or three years, but his death was entirely unexpected as he had been in the city on Wednesday afternoon.

For some years, Mr. Brown was in the harness making business on Charlotte street, but retired several years ago and had since resided in East St. John. He is survived by his wife and one brother, George, of Hampton. Deceased was very well known and much respected for the uprightness of his character.

A New Company.
Messrs. William S. Montgomery, James Wallace, Alexander J. LeBlanc, William Gallop, Claude Brown, and Louis J. LeBlanc, all of Dalhousie, are through Messrs. Powell and Harrison seeking incorporation as The Dalhousie Land Company, Ltd., with capital of \$75,000, to carry on general business, with head office at Dalhousie.

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DISCUSSED
GOOD ROADS

Expert Delivered Interesting Address on Road Making, in Board of Trade Rooms, Yesterday Afternoon.

Before an audience of people interested in good roads in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon H. S. Van Scoyoc delivered an interesting address on road making, arguing that advanced communities were now building roads of the most permanent character, as what was saved on upkeep would look after large bond issues, while a permanent road added to the value of property and tended to bring more settlers as well as tourists.

T. P. Rogan, who presided, said road making in New Brunswick seemed to have become a lost art. Even if surveys gridironed the province, good roads were of the greatest importance, not only to the man with an auto, but to the farmers, as a permanent road increased the value of their property at least 50 per cent. He declared that expert evidence was against the idea that automobiles were great destroyers of the roads. They might injure a muddy road, but they tended to pack the ordinary dirt road.

An Important Question.
Mr. Van Scoyoc said the question of good roads was of paramount importance. The railway companies were taking a great interest in the movement. Good roads were important feeders to the railways. The farmer with good roads could watch the market and send his goods to the market at the right time. The tourist with good roads could enlarge his sphere of travel.

For the citizens generally the importance of good roads lay in the possibility of reducing the cost of living by making it easier to distribute farm produce.

Tendency to Macadam Roads.

It has been found that the methods of road making which have been standardized a few years ago were not satisfactory. New Jersey had a system of macadam roads considered very good, and today these trunk lines, representing about 15 per cent. of the roads, carried practically all the traffic, and today these trunk lines were being built in a permanent manner.

Gravel concrete roads were being built for 10 per cent. more than the cost of macadam, and the cost of upkeep was only \$2.50 per mile, as

against thousands per mile for macadam.

Improve By-Roads.

R. D. Patterson said the association had found great objection to the trunk road programme. The farmers felt the trunk roads paralleled the railways. What they wanted was to improve the by-roads and enable them to get their produce to market.

Mr. Scoyoc said an investigation showed that the farmers about Minneapolis lost \$600,000 a year through poor roads. The best argument for improved trunk roads was that more people came in and spent money and helped improve the country generally.

To Mr. Rogan the lecturer said a good trunk road, even paralleling a railway improved the value of the farmers' property, so that the cost of maintenance was not felt.

In Massachusetts there used to be many abandoned farms, but the roads have been improved and now there was not a single abandoned farm in Massachusetts, and the value of farm property had also been greatly increased. Motor trucks could carry freight for 250 miles on good roads cheaper than it could be sent by rail.

Not Ready for Concrete Roads.

Judge Armstrong said it was not at present practicable to build concrete roads; the people would not consent to bear the expense. Motor car owners should recognize that their cars injure the roads, and they should show consideration for others by leaving their cars at home after a rainstorm, when the roads were muddy.

W. F. Burditt said they would have to be content with ordinary roads for some time to come in New Brunswick. He thought the elements did more damage to New Brunswick roads than traffic, and this emphasized the importance of drainage. He looked forward to the development of trunk highways, because the motor was introducing a new system of freight, as well as tourist traffic.

A vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer.



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Lifeboat and Deckhouse Smashed by Seas—Fireman Breaks Leg—North End Man Injured—Police Court.

From the appearance of Sand Point yesterday morning, as the large C. P. R. steamer Montreal came up to land her passengers, it is evident that the developments at West St. John cannot be finished too soon. Seven ocean steamers occupied the berths and the Montreal was forced to tie up alongside the Saturnia to land her passengers. She had on board 377 immigrants. Captain McNeil reports a very rough trip, terrific storms and mountainous seas being encountered. Two of the lifeboats and a deckhouse used by the stewards were badly smashed. A fireman was struck by a sea and sustained a broken leg. The steamer also brought over a good sized general cargo.

Seriously Injured.
A young man named Harley, while employed at carpenter work on Peter Mahoney's house, Main street, fell from a staging, seriously injuring his feet yesterday afternoon. It is feared that he is internally injured.

Police Court.

Mathew Dolan, charged with using profane language, was remanded. Henry Billings, charged with the same offense, was fined \$8 or two months in jail. Five prisoners, charged with drunkenness, were punished in the usual manner.

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The funeral of Robert D. McLean, which was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Ashburn, was attended by many friends. Rev. Robert Smart and Rev. J. A. Pinkerton conducted the funeral services and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. William G. Estabrook took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 267 Douglas avenue. Rev. David Hutchinson conducted the services, and burial was in Cedar Hill. The funeral was attended by a great many of her friends and acquaintances and there was a large number of floral tributes. The choir of Main street Baptist church sang several hymns.

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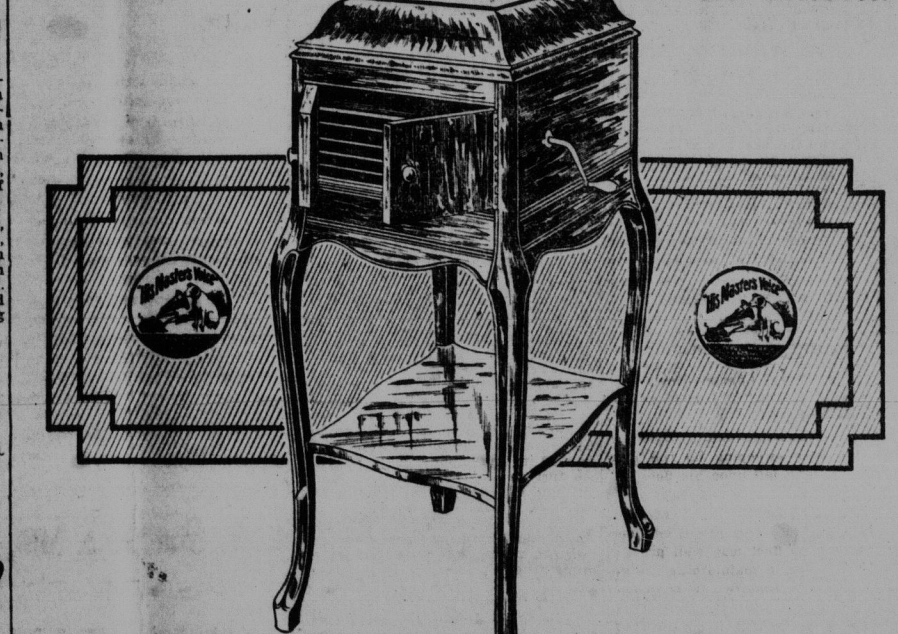
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