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Woman Suffrage.

The petition that was passed granting the women of New Zealand the right to vote at Parliamentary and Municipal elections was signed by 10,000 men and women. If these signatures had been by women it would represent 2 per cent. of New Zealand's population.

For those who fear that home life might suffer when women interest themselves in politics, Sir Joseph Ward, Prime Minister of New Zealand, world renowned and one of the most able men of his day, says: "The attention paid to legislation for the direct benefit of the women and of the general well-being of the people is remarkable. We heard tales about neglected children, vile cooking, untidy houses, a general falling-off of feminine grace, sweetness and charm. None of these evil effects has come about; and if at election time a man finds that the lady next to whom he sits at dinner is able to talk in a practical way about the political questions of the day—that certainly does not make the dinner time duller or less interesting."

Does not every one know that New Zealand is prosperous and happy and loyal to the throne and race to which she owes her origin? New Zealand was the first British Colony to enfranchise her women, and was also the first British Colony to send her sons to stand side by side with the sons of Great Britain. Her loyalty and enthusiastic devotion to the Empire is a matter of universal knowledge.

The birth-rate in New Zealand has steadily increased since 1899, and it has now, next to Australia, the lowest infantile mortality in the world. The infantile death rate has been reduced from 130 in the 1000 to half that number. Anti-Suffragists might say that this argument means that we are so foolish as to suppose that if a mother drops a paper into a ballot-box every few years she thereby prolongs the life of her infant. Of course it means nothing of the kind, but the granting of full citizenship to women deepens in them the sense of responsibility, and they will be more likely to apply to their duties a quickened intelligence and a higher sense of the importance of the work entrusted to them as women. The free woman makes the best wife and the most careful mother.—Com.

Obituary.

CYRIL WHITE.

At Catalina, on April 6th, there died Cyril, second son of John and Alice White, at the early age of twenty-two years. His passing was indeed a heavy blow to his many friends, as it was popularly supposed that he had passed the critical stage of his illness. Though never robust, Cyril enjoyed good health till last November, when he was stricken down with pleuro-pneumonia. For many weeks his illness was of a dangerous nature, but at length he rallied, and it was thought that the spring time would find him more or less restored to health. But fate wills otherwise and after putting up a splendid fight of many months against great odds, he suddenly passed away.

The subject of this obituary was born at Catalina on the 18th May, 11899. Having made his preliminary studies at the R.C. School, Catalina, he entered St. Bon's College from which he graduated in 1916. On his return home he entered the employ of McCormack and Walsh, of which his father is a partner, and it was while in the discharge of his duties that he contracted the illness which resulted in his death. His funeral was the largest seen in Catalina for some time, and was representative of all classes and creeds, which showed the esteem in which he was held by the community. Cyril was indeed a lovable character. Genial, social, and musical, he was the life of the circle in which he moved, and was considered the most popular young man of the town. He was as brave as he was good, for we remember him when only a boy volunteering for active service in the Great War, and was turned down for being medically unfit. Besides his sorrowing father and mother, he leaves to mourn two brothers, Brendan, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Avondale, Leo at St. Bonaventure's, and one sister, Kitty, at home. To his parish priest, Fr. Dwyer, to his doctors, McKay, Forbes, and the Rev. G. S. Chamberlain, and to his numerous friends for their kindness and attention during his illness, the whole family extends its many thanks. R.I.P.—Com.

Yarmouth Murder Prisoners Calm.

Mrs. Perry and Mansfield Ross Show No Emotion in Court.

Yarmouth, April 20.—(Canadian Press).—Charged with murdering her husband at his home, here on the night of Saturday, February 26th, Clara Elizabeth Perry was arraigned before Supremacy Magistrate Pelton in the Yarmouth police court, this morning, and remanded until tomorrow morning when the preliminary examination will begin.

Mansfield Ross, fiancé of Mrs. Perry's daughter Eleanor, and who has been residing at the Perry home since

the murder, was arraigned on the charge of being accessory after the fact and remanded until tomorrow.

Both prisoners, whose arrests came with dramatic suddenness, appeared quite calm and gave no indication of emotional strain.

When Mrs. Perry entered the prisoners' box and the stipendiary read the charge accusing the widow of the "wilful killing and slaying with malice aforethought" of her husband, she showed no apparent concern nor did her countenance change in the least.

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fort, receive, protect and assist her in escaping justice.

For this charge Mr. O'Hearn made a similar plea for adjournment, which was allowed, and both prisoners were remanded to jail.

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In England woman not only has the vote but also a seat in the jury room, to the great dismay of some of the habitual criminals. Great results are expected from this new departure in the administration of justice there. The fact is being recognized that women generally are more religious, more conscientious and possess higher principles than men. Why then should the best half of the country be deprived of a share in the government of the country? So far as we can see there is not a single available argument for it worthy of consideration.

Of one thing all are certain, that the political standards of Newfoundland can bear improvement. The political records here can scarcely be deemed satisfactory by any right thinking person. And in saying this we do not wish to be understood as implying that all who enter public life thereby become degenerate. That is an opinion which we entirely repudiate. Our politicians are probably no worse than the average in other professions. And yet by entering public life they become fair game for all the slime of slanderous tongues. Now it seems to us that the best remedy for this is the introduction of women into political life. People of any decency whatever, would hesitate to slander a company of persons made up in part of good women. And much of the evil reputation of politicians is due to slander wantonly cast upon them. Wise and good politicians therefore, should do all in their power to win the association of women to the political arena. We do not suppose that the partnership of women politics would introduce the millennium into Newfoundland; but we do think that it would immensely raise the tone of our politics and give that great department of our civil life a better status in the estimation of our citizens.—Methodist Greeting.



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