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SHOULD WOMEN KEEP OUT OF POLITICS?

**The Unique Opportunity For Those Who Have Votes, And
Those Who Haven't, Is To Sustain the
Men at the Front**

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Should women want to keep out of politics at this crisis in the affairs of the nation, even if they could?

We are in the fourth year of the war, and we realize, as never before, that the war is very far from being won. What can we women of Canada do to shorten the war and to bring about most quickly an honourable peace? Is anything closer to our hearts than this great end?

In all this weary time, filled with personal anxiety and sorrow for many of us, we have put the needs of the men on active service first. Comforts for the men in the field, Red Cross supplies for the wounded and suffering, and food for the prisoners—we have been thankful for the opportunity to serve in these ways. Will we take advantage of the new opportunity of service open to us?

On August 11th, 1917, General Sir Arthur Currie cabled from France, "IF SUPPORT IS NOW WITHHELD, OR EVEN DELAYED, IT MEANS THAT ADDITIONAL BURDEN WILL HAVE TO BE BORNE BY MEN ALREADY DOING THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE." Can we help to hurry the necessary support to our men? YES, BY HELPING TO RETURN THE UNION GOVERNMENT WHICH IS PLEDGED TO ENFORCE THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT.

What actual power have women in the coming election? All women who are next of kin of soldiers overseas, or of those who have died on the field of honour, have a vote in the coming election. That means the mother, wife, daughters and sisters (twenty-one years of age or over) of every man who has seen overseas service since the war began; of every man who is in the British naval or military service outside of Canadian units.

Those of us who have this vote can cast it for the candidate in our locality, who IS SUPPORTING UNION GOVERNMENT