

vote and influence municipally. I do not think anyone will question that the women who have been entitled to exercise the franchise municipally for years are not also thoroughly well qualified to exercise the provincial franchise.

This question, however, is not before the House. I only refer to it because my Hon. friend has dealt with it at such length. We are dealing with the simple and concrete proposition against which no public opposition has been offered either by women or by men—a proposition most influentially supported both by women and by men. And I do earnestly hope that the Government which has taken so long to consider the course it will take on this bill, and has delayed its discussion for so many weeks in order to decide the course it would take, will still hesitate to kill this bill, but on the contrary will turn away from the influences which are apparently dominating it, and give to married women who have the necessary qualifications, the right to vote in municipal elections.”

[Details of vote on next page.]