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PLEAD FOR VOTE AS A RIGHT, NOT PRIVILEGE

"Suffrage as a right—not a privilege,"
—this was the slogan of the public hear-
ing before the law amendments commit-
tee in the Nova Scotia house of assembly
on Wednesday night. There was a
notable lack of extravagant claims, and
at the same time an absence of that ex-
tremity which was nothing. The
committee, with the genial attorney
general in the chair, were flanked on
every side by earnest, ardent supporters
of the great cause of justice, that is
everywhere claiming the attention of
wide-awake communities.

I was a field night in one sense,
though it lacked the excitement of op-
position, but the subject was attacked
from the moral, the witty, the statistical
and argumentative view-points, and nine
seesaws were made in one hour and five
minutes. That was undoubtedly a re-
cord for that chamber and might be
taken as an earnest of what women can
do and will do when it comes their turn
to sit in those seats representing the
whole people rather than just one sex.

The attitude of the committee was
most attentive and sympathetic, and not
only the floor of the house but the gal-
lery as well, were filled with men and
women, who by their very presence
showed that the question of enfranchis-
ing women is a live one that appeals to
the thoughtful and the intelligent.

When the advocates had pleaded their
case, the hour being still early, Mr.
Daniels gave an opportunity to any who
held opposing views to present them. No
one took advantage of the offer, and
only one of two or three inferences can
be drawn—either that there was no op-
position in the audience, or that it had
been routed, horse, foot and artillery by

thinkable of Nova Scotians, that the op-
ponents were afraid to let their views
be heard.
It was a splendidly presented case and
its effect cannot fail to be an advance-
ment of the cause. Although there was
no direct championing of the barristers'
ill, yet the whole fervor of the even-
ing's arguments established the safety
and wisdom of admitting women. They
proved themselves able to uphold the
traditions of the Nova Scotia Bar both
for wit and logic.

Attorney General Daniels said after-
ward that in his opinion it was the best
presentation of a case made before a
committee of the house during his years
of public service.

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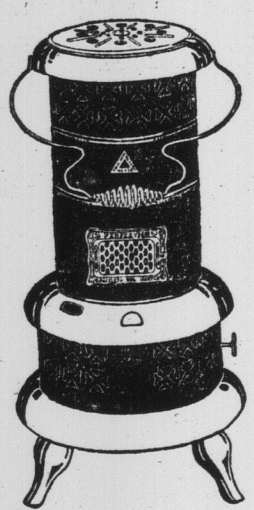
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Pensions For The Mothers

System Is Working Well In
Michigan

A Right, Not Charity
Probation Officers Visit the Homes
Regularly—Help Plan Budgets
—Extra Assistance Given in
Case of Sickness

(By L. C. Webber in Toronto Star
Weekly.)

Only a man who has given, for a few
years of his life, the best of his energy
and ability to the rearing of an enter-
prise, then, through no fault of his own,
is forced to make an assignment, can
realize what it is to a mother to be left
without means of support for her chil-
dren.

Their active little bodies and inquir-
ing minds give promise of being a source
of revenue to her in the years to come.
Her children and a few pieces of furni-
ture are her only available assets, and
she realizes she must have money to ex-
pend or forfeit all she owns, together
with affection and the prospect of an in-
come in her declining years.

That is the mother's side of the
question. She can, however, leave her
children to the mercy of the street, or
in a day nursery, and go out to work
every day, then at night cook and wash
for her neglected little ones or else re-
lieve herself of responsibility by placing
them in charitable institutions while she
makes a competence for herself. But
what of the children?

It is true that charitable institutions
are warmer and cleaner than poverty-
stricken homes—nevertheless some of the
world's greatest men have spent their
early days in log cabins, even hovels.
Many also may have risen from chari-
table institutions to heights of fame—but
we don't hear of them. That memory is
a closed book of which they never speak
in public—especially if placed in insti-
tutions by mothers—whereas a success-
ful man whose mother has been able to
keep her little brood together will
proclaim aloud on a public platform
or to the press that he is proud to have
overcome the obstacles of his youth. He
will speak with reverence of the strug-
gles of his brave, hardworking mother
and the world will honor her.

A man achieves the best in his nature
by working for one he loves, and there
is no success that gives a greater thrill
of happiness than in bringing home to a
proud mother—the first pay envelope.

Better Use for Money.

It is this instinct of thoughtful con-
sideration for others that makes good
citizens of both boys and girls, who
should be reared together in their natu-
ral homes instead of public institutions,
and money paid out in pennies to moth-
ers of young children might be saved
from the up-keep of some institutions
for both young and old—probably prison-
ers as well.

There is a dignity associated with
the word pension—of something earned
through service—but charity discour-
ages individuality and pride, in child-
hood. The stigma of institution clings
through youth and manhood.

In the State of Illinois pensions are
only paid to mothers for the care of
children born in the United States, but
this handicaps a mother who is com-
pelled to send her foreign-born children
to school.

In Michigan the Mother's Pension was
organized in 1907, with a Wayne county
grant (which included the City of De-
troit) of \$10,000 and only "sod" widows
were granted a pension the first year.

Each succeeding year, however, as sat-
isfactory results were evident, the work
became broader and the grant was in-
creased until for the present year it
has been made \$22,500, and not only
widows, but divorced women, deserted
wives, wives of the insane, of epileptics,
of feeble-minded men, of men in
state prisons and—unmarried mothers—
are all eligible for pensions, provided
they are in need of the money, and have
lived in the country for two years. Wo-
men of culture and women who cannot
speak a word of English are on the list.

Seven hundred and twenty families

**DRINKING TEA
UPSET NERVES**

Mr. Burroughes Compares Cana-
dian Customs With Those
in Old Land, and Tells How
Nerves Were Set Right.

Orillia, Ont., April 17—"How to be
well and strong?" is the question many
are asking at this time of year, and in
this letter you will find the answer.

It tells something of the blood-form-
ing, nerve-invigorating influence of Dr.
Chase's Nerve Food, the great restorative
which is causing so much talk here just
now.

Nature's way of curing disease is by
building up the vitality of the body, and
this is exactly what Dr. Chase's Nerve
Food does. The blood is made rich and
red, and it nourishes the exhausted
nerves back to health and vigor.

The experience of Mr. Burroughes as
described in this letter is similar to that
of hundreds of others in this community
who have recently put this well-known
food cure to the test.

Mr. George Burroughes, 23 Peter street,
Orillia, Ont., writes: "A few years ago,
after coming out to this country from
England, the change of customs seemed
to have some effect on me. In the old
country the habit of drinking strong tea
was prevalent, and after arriving here
I suffered very much from nervousness.
If I put my arm down on the table it
would shake very noticeably, and while
performing my work I would easily tire,
and want to sit down and rest. A friend
recommended Dr. Chase's Nerve Food,
so I secured some and took a treatment.
It built me up and made me strong and
healthy. I have not had a trace of the
nervousness since. I have used Dr.
Chase's Ointment also, and find that it
heals the skin very quickly. In fact I
find all of Dr. Chase's medicines good."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a
box, a full treatment of 6 boxes for
\$2.50, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates
& Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be
talked into accepting a substitute. Imi-
tations only disappoint.

WOMEN SILENTLY SUFFER

There are sufferings which only a wo-
man knows and about one woman in
every four goes about her household
duties while suffering actual pain. If a
man had to endure as much pain he
would stay at home and let his work
take care of itself. But there is nobody
to do the work of a wife and mother.
Her household work cannot be neglect-
ed, and so she works on and silently
suffers.

In nearly every case her suffering
takes the form of backaches and pains
in the side. Her appetite is poor, and
the least exertion leaves her breathless,
and yet she heroically struggles on with
her manifold daily tasks. The whole
trouble lies in the blood, which is either
scanty or impoverished, so that the food
she does take does not carry nourish-
ment to the nerves, the brain and the
body. Anemia is the medical term for
this condition, and unless steps are taken
to increase the blood supply, the suf-
ferer may pass into a hopeless decline.

To enrich the blood and increase its sup-
ply there is no medicine equal to Dr.
Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose helps
to make new, rich, red blood, which
fills the veins, strengthens the nerves,
aids digestion, and stimulates the whole
body. Through the fair use of these
pills, backaches and sideaches and spit-
ting headaches disappear, and the suf-
ferer has new energy and new
interest in life.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by
dealers in medicine everywhere or may
be had by mail at 50 cents a box or six
boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams'
Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

were on the Mother's Pension pay roll
in January, which included some Cana-
dian mothers, 1922 children averaged a
weekly stipend of \$1.85 each; 2,102 chil-
dren were under supervision of the Mo-
ther's Pension department.

The maximum allowance for a child
under sixteen is \$3.00 a week, but this
amount is seldom granted excepting
where there is only one child, or perhaps
two so dependent, that their mother
cannot devote her time to any other in-
terest.

When a mother makes application for
a pension she is visited by a salaried
woman investigator or probation officer
—volunteer investigators are seldom a
success. The officer and mother to-
gether make a budget of the monthly
income and expenses. Allowance is made
for two days' earnings outside of the
home, every week, if the mother is not
keeping roomers or boarders, and in
those two days, provision must be made
for the care of the children, during her
absence.

The mother gives the probation officer
particulars of her family, names
and ages of the children, together with
the amounts contributed by the older
children who are working. These facts
are compiled by the probation officer,
then the application, on case, budget,
and any other necessary information
are placed in a manilla folder, and
when a day is set for the hearing of sev-
eral cases, Judge Hulbert, with the facts
all before him, and as considerably as
possible, questions the mother as she
sits opposite him at a table with the
probation officer beside her, in a pri-
vate room of the juvenile court, in which
are no spectators, save those interested
in her personal case.

A pension is then granted to make up
the deficit in her budget, which is fre-
quently about \$18 or \$20 a month, pay-
able fortnightly.

If a boy of working age is not pay-
ing his share of the home expenses he
is taken to task by the judge. Should a
boy or girl under 16 years of age who
has not completed the sixth grade be
working, that child is sent to school.

Upon later visits of the probation of-
ficer to the home of the mother, if she
finds there a boarder who may be detri-
mental to the morals of mother or grow-
ing girls, the mother is requested to give
the boarder immediate notice to leave.
Should she refuse to do so, she is threat-
ened by the probation officer with loss
of her pension. If she still persists in
retaining an objectionable boarder, she
is summoned before the judge of the ju-
venile court and reminded that the pen-
sion is paid her by the country for the
care and education of her children, there-
fore she must either comply or give up
her pension and children.

Scientific Help Given

If the mother does not appear to be
getting a living from her income she is
visited by a skilled dietitian from the
Visiting Housekeepers' Association, who
plans a budget and gives the mother in-
struction in cooking and sewing.

As a class, mothers are straining
every nerve to make ends meet, and the
pensioner trying to make good usually
welcomes a visit from a tactful proba-
tion officer, who listens to her tale of
woe, and endeavors to render the as-
sistance required.

If either mother or child has trouble
with eyes, teeth, or otherwise ill, a clinic
or bed at a hospital is arranged through
the probation officer. A wayward child
is cautioned or summoned to the juve-
nile court. Clothing is sometimes obtain-
ed by the probation officer, from her
friends when necessary. Occasionally she
is the means of having the pension raised.

A probation officer remains at her
desk every morning, writing reports, ar-
ranging material ready for a docket, etc.,
then in the afternoon calls upon some
pensioners.

Every second Thursday, which is pay
day for the pensioner, the probation of-
ficers remain in their separate offices,
and are all day interviewed by mothers
who call for their checks.

It was upon one of these occasions
that a Canadian woman proudly showed
the writer her county check for \$10 for
two weeks' pension and told how among
other attentions shown her by the proba-
tion officer arrangements had been
made for her daughter to have an un-
sightly tumor removed by the most skill-
ed surgeon in Detroit.

A mother whose mortgage was about
to be foreclosed had the services of a
lawyer engaged for her gratis by the
probation officer.

The fortnightly pay-roll is made up in
the town or city where there are a num-
ber of pensioners and sent to the county
seat from where individual checks are is-
sued but sent in bulk back to the town,
to be delivered to the mother, in person
when possible.

The manilla folders containing material
brought before the judge of the juvenile
court are filed in cabinets in a room not
accessible to the general public, and
once a month or six weeks the mem-
orandum of a visit to the pensioner by the
probation officer is added to her report.

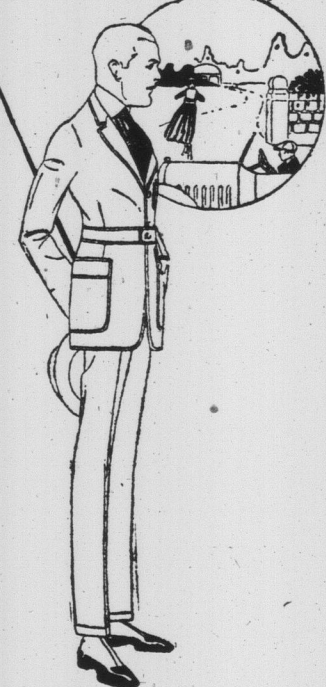
DREADNAUGHT NEW MEXICO
TO BE LAUNCHED APRIL 23

Washington, April 17—The dreadnaught
New Mexico, being constructed in the
New York Navy Yard, will be
launched on April 23.

Construction will then immediately be-
gin on the Tennessee.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON

Latest Spring Styles In Suits For Men



The latest arrivals introduce all the novelties in fabric and
cut of garment prescribed by fashion for the season of 1917.
The new models are shown in great variety. Whether you de-
sire an extremely smart suit or one cut on quiet conservative
lines, we are confident of giving entire satisfaction.

Style is not the all important selling factor of our clothes.
The cloths are selected with due regard for their good wear-
ing quality and value, and are the product of the best English
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The Suit materials are small checks in great variety, in
medium shades of grey and brown with a few stripe and over-
plaid patterns.

Prices Range From
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ANNOUNCEMENT

F. W. Daniel & Company announce that they
have been preparing an important
merchandising event in honor
of their own

28th Anniversary

in business and the

86th Anniversary

of the "London House" which was founded in
1831 and to which they succeeded.

This their 28th anniversary celebration
will take the form as heretofore of a profit
sharing sale of ten days, when many splendid
lines of new Spring goods will be offered at
exceptional prices.

The Sale Commencing Thursday, April
19th, And Continuing Until
Saturday the 28th

We also take this opportunity of thanking
the St. John shopping public for the very
hearty support which has always been accorded
the "London House" and which we hope to
merit in the future.

Full details of this event will be in to-
morrow's evening papers. Keep on the look-
out for the announcement.

London House **DANIEL** Head of King Street

ADVOCATES TRAINING OF COLLEGE ATHLETES

Will Make Men Hardy Enough
to Stand Stressful Life

Training in college athletics is the one
thing that will make college men hardy
enough to stand the strenuous life of the
trenches, Dr. Dudley A. Sargent declares
in an article written for the Harvard Il-
lustrated Magazine.

Dr. Sargent lends his support to the
propaganda of physical preparedness, and
states that in view of the fact that
about 75 per cent of the ordinary col-
lege men are physically unfit for war, he
recommends this sort of training for
them.

"According to many authorities," con-
tinues Dr. Sargent, "the men at the
front, both among the Allies and the
Central Powers, who had previous train-
ing in athletics and gymnastics, have not
only stood the strain and stress of the
life in the trenches better than the un-
trained men, but they also have recov-

ered much more quickly from sickness,
wounds and injuries.

"The antagonistic sports, such as
wrestling, boxing and football, come
nearer to actual war than any others,
and one great source of their present-day
popularity is that they awaken in us
these primitive fighting instincts that
have developed through centuries of fight-
ing and contending."

THE GROWING GIRL

A girl when in her teens is passing
through a critical period of her life. The
transition from childhood to maturity is
not always easy; consequently, in many
cases health breaks down entirely and
the girl goes into a decline and dies
young. If she escapes this fate, she may
fall into a state of permanent ill-health.
It is of the utmost importance, in order
to insure normal and healthy develop-
ment, that proper precautions be taken,
and nothing has proved more helpful
than the faithful use of Lydia E. Pink-
ham's Vegetable Compound, the great
woman's medicine and tonic.

Royal Family on Rations

London, April 17.—It is announced
that, realizing the urgent need for econ-
omy, particularly with regard to bread-
stuffs, the King and Queen, together with

their household and servants, have
adopted the scale of national rations since
early in February.

WEDDING RINGS ARE LUXURIES; NOT OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

London, April 17.—A manufacturer
of wedding rings has just failed in an
effort to get the military tribunals to
declare his work of national importance,
justifying military exemption.

"Do you think weddings would cease
if there were no wedding rings?" asked
the head of the tribunal.

"I cannot say that," replied the manu-
facturer, "but we do a good trade, and
so far as it encourages marriage, it is
certainly of national importance."

The tribunal declared wedding rings
came under the heading of jewelry as
"purely a luxurious business."

An elderly gentleman, who had never
seen a football game, was persuaded
by a young enthusiast to attend a grid-
iron contest.

"Now," said the young man as they
started for the game, "you will see
more excitement for \$1.50 than you
ever saw before."

"I have my doubts about that," re-
plied the elderly gentleman. "That's
all my marriage license cost me."