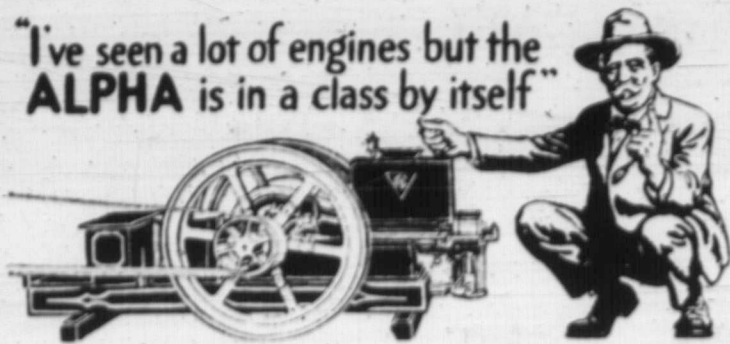


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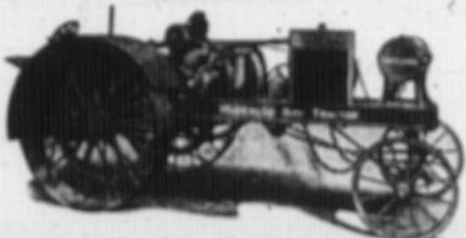
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THE WOMAN'S PART A Paper Read at Howden by Mrs. Albert McGregor, Winchester Association.

Organized efficiency is best sustained by individual earnestness, accentuated by individual accomplishments. No community can accomplish its best purpose except it have the loyal, devoted service, of its whole citizenship. We grow individually as we have difficult tasks to perform and by working at them until they are accomplished. A proper public spirit calls for active-organized co-operation in the church and out of it; promoting in our communities an appreciation of such is our best service at the present.

Equality for All

Since the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association has invited the women to join the association and they have accepted that invitation on an equal footing with the men, a wide door of usefulness has been opened to them, and with the enfranchisement a still greater opportunity is at hand. All along in the fight the men—a great body of them—have helped the women. The men of our country have a broad vision, they are democratic, and now that we are to share the responsibility of government with them we do not expect to talk any more of the rights of women. We will have our rights, and it will be a case of men and women working together—we will stand or fall together.

Personal differences will have to be put aside, and to do that it will take big people and people thoroughly in earnest. The attitude of some of our legislators has been that woman's suffrage will be a dangerous experiment. It must have completely escaped their notice that it has been in operation for a number of years in several states without a single one of the catastrophes threatened by its opponents coming true. The women of Wyoming secured the right to vote forty-five years ago, and that inconspicuous little pastoral state has since gone quietly about its business. Having no great city or big industrial problems to solve, it has not come into the limelight as an example of a suffrage state. The women of Manitoba are now on an equality so far as provincial matters go with their sisters in Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and a large section of the United States.

Henry George put the whole matter in a nutshell many years ago when he said, "The natural right of a woman to vote is just as clear as that of a man and rests on the same ground. Since she is called on to obey the laws she should have a voice in making them."

Women in Politics

With the enfranchisement of women in Manitoba on January 27, 1916, comes the importance of taking an active part in politics. I wish to emphasize the fact that the enfranchisement of women would result in the uplift of the standard of political life in Manitoba, and the time is not far distant when the women all over Canada will be granted equal rights with men. In taking up the ballot new voters have an opportunity of leading the way in demonstrating the advantage of leaving party politics behind as something so out-of-date as to be of little benefit to the present generation. They should remember to vote on an issue and not on an individual, and vote in such a way as to bring the greatest good to the greatest number. In voting independently of any party or clique they are taking a long step towards the general uplift of humanity. It will be within our reach to assist in the solution of many great reforms that are today confronting our public men.

There is the problem of changing some of our laws that are so unjust to women. The women who are in the cities, towns, villages as well as the rural districts must shoulder the responsibility of having the laws changed

to give women a fair deal, and to protect children and the righting of many other wrongs. Women have found that they could not get justice until they got the franchise. They must have some voice in the government before they can be heard in their own behalf—thus began the woman's suffrage movement. It is a movement that many believe is of almost equal importance to the great struggle for an education, and they claim that the result will be of equal benefit to the race. However that may be, it is a step towards freedom.

Reasons for the Franchise

The real cause of the woman suffrage movement is the fact that women have begun to use their brains and that they realize the fundamental truth at the bottom of all progress, "that we have an equal right to live and to say how we will live." The great class standing in the path of these reforms is the comfortable married woman who is happy and too selfish to care for anyone but herself. She is opposed to education of women and listens to the reactionaries who always shout that the world will go to smash if any change is made. But, one by one, they are hearing the clarion call of progress. No one can escape the logic, and it is coming just as advancement is bound to come, in all lines of human endeavor. We know that there will be difficulties to face, but in our heart of hearts we would not have it otherwise—that is, if we have any grit in us. We don't really want a soft place in life. We all want to do something great and heroic, only we not always realize that the opportunity for being great and heroic may come to us in very humble guise. We want to be great and heroic along lines of our own choosing.

There will be problems to unravel, but we like to feel that we have the power to right wrongs and bring order out of chaos. There will be worries—those tiresome, annoying small things—"the little foxes that spoil the vines"—they seem so large when we are just upon them, but how trivial they become when we look back upon them from a little distance. For the work of life, every woman should seek the same intellectual equipment as her brothers, and if she has the opportunity and neglects to embrace it, simply because she is a woman, she is guilty of a crime against her sex.

Education is Insight

Now, what do I mean by education? The superficial person confuses it with the mere accumulation of knowledge. But it is more than this. Education is insight, the power to see relation between facts. It is the training of the faculties of observation, comparison and reason. But to the tasks of life confronting the modern woman she must seek even as man to bring a well trained brain, no matter what sphere she hopes to occupy. Why should she not bring into the home all the power of a completed personality? Should the home, which we regard as the most sacred thing in human society, demand less than any other sphere in life, and does motherhood need less in the way of equipment than teaching or the law? Could any equipment a woman could give herself be thus wasted? The questions contain their own answers.

Since woman is entering side by side with man in almost every sphere, let her be educated with him, side by side, in all those branches of learning which lead to human efficiency. She will then take her place by his side neither as parasite, nor competitor, but as mate. We should remember we are all—young or old, famous or obscure—individuals of influence. We cannot live a day without affecting the world somewhat for good or ill, whether we will or not. Imagine then what we could do if we fully realized and used our influence. In history and romance we are told of women whose particular influence is that of gentleness, courage, honor, service, supreme love, etc. Then again history and romance tell us of women

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