

It is an easy role that she is playing now.

But is the British Government any less guilty to-day in its attitude towards women?

Premier Asquith says:—"Two years ago we did not know we had such wonderful women."

He knew right well (no one knew better than he, just how wonderful Mrs. Pankhurst was)—but did he give her the vote then or has he given the women the vote now, after acknowledging the country's debt to them?

British Prussianism is just a little worse than German Prussianism, for Britain has had the ideals of a Burns, a Cobden, a Carpenter and a Tennyson, while Germany has had Bernhardt and Nietzsche flaunted before them. Germany believed that the Kaiser could do no wrong—England questioned the Divine right of Kings and relegated it to the people (Women excepted). And what has all this to do with Premier Hearst?

Well, the other day the Canadian Suffrage Association waited on Premier Hearst.

The deputation was received graciously (whatever that may mean).

Dr. Margaret Gordon was armed with forty referenda, including Toronto—in favor of granting married women the vote on the same basis as widows and spinsters.

Dr. Stowe-Gullen showed conclusively that the organized women of Canada wanted the vote, there being only one dissenting organization in the whole Dominion.

Dr. Margaret Johnston—a staunch conservative—wanted this Government to do the big thing—since Ontario women had done such noble and self-sacrificing work.

Mrs. Flora MacD. Denison reminded the Premier of how eulogistic the men were about the women since the war broke out, and to parody Mr. Kipling's Tommy Atkins:—

"It's women here and women there
And women get away;
But it's thank you Mrs. Pankhurst
When the band begins to play."

The Premier, replied that Mrs. Pankhurst had done more to popularize the cause of Suffrage since the war than before, and that he would give more for unorganized opinion than organized opinion.