

ST. JOHN WOMEN DELEGATES ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT THEM THE FRANCHISE

Their Case Aably Presented—Premier Hazen Intimates That They May Lose Some of Their Privileges if They Become Voters—Hazen't Observed Any Great Enthusiasm for the Movement.

Fredericton, N. B., May 19 (Special).—A delegation composed of Mrs. F. M. Fiske, Mrs. Colby Smith, Miss Mabel Peters and Miss Hatheway, of St. John accompanied by Recorder Skinner appeared before the government this morning in support of a bill they wished introduced to amend the New Brunswick election act. The object of the amendment is to give the women of New Brunswick the same right of franchise in provincial elections as they now have in civic and municipal.

Mrs. Fiske told of the various countries in which women had the right to vote and claimed the result was a great improvement in social conditions. In New Zealand and in the state of Wyoming, especially where women had been voting for some time there were practically no almshouses and no inmates in the jails.

In Finland the women had taken an equal part in the struggle for freedom with the men and measures of self government were granted to that country the men gratefully acknowledged the services by giving them an equal franchise. There, women are under no restrictions whatever in regard to employment and get the same rate of pay as men. The women of this province she claimed would like to have the same rights as the Finnish women.

This was a vital matter to most women who were keenly interested in public affairs and they prayed and requested the government to extend as much of the franchise as possible and to those women now holding the municipal franchise the same right to vote in provincial affairs.

Miss Mabel Peters thought the request of the delegation was in the best interest of the province, not only of the women, but also for the men. She referred to the numerous diseases under which women formerly labored, and related an interesting story regarding the admission of a first lady student, who was her mother, to the normal school, how she only gained admission by repeated effort, and when the government of the day did agree they stipulated that she must not hold them responsible for any harm that might befall her. This was in 1851.

Women now had property rights as an educational right, and they needed the ballot to protect these rights. The wage earning class of women, which comprises ten per cent of all the women of Canada, from the time of their franchise also needed the franchise for their protection. History, she said, showed the franchise had elevated every class to which it was granted.

Replying to Hon. Mr. Maxwell as to the ratio of women voting in St. John compared with the rest of the province, Mrs. Fiske said that Mr. Wardropper had informed her there were 753 women qualified to vote in the city, and 230 had voted. In the rest of the province one half of those on the voters' list had voted. Continuing, she said one of the reasons why women of Canada should have a vote was because of the immigration into the country, composed of many illiterate people to whom the franchise was given. By giving Canadian women who were educated, to some extent, at least, the franchise it would protect the country from the large illiterate vote.

Recorder Skinner said the women of this province were the only women franchise of which he knew the conditions. There the general improvements in all social affairs, the betterment of the women of the country were particularly interested in social conditions, and as the prevention of poverty was a great question for the country he felt that the women in politics would do much good.

The bill under discussion was simply to propose amendments to the present act. Hon. Mr. Hazen said women now enjoyed an exemption from income taxation. If this bill passed such taxation would be imposed.

Mrs. Fiske said the women would expect to pay such tax.

Recorder Skinner said the women's vote was supposed to be largely sentimental but history showed their efforts to be largely along the lines of higher legislation. He thought there would be the same average of intelligence between both women and men voters. Experience had shown women were not so easily corrupted in regard to voting as men.

John E. Wilson thought the requests of the ladies were reasonable and they had presented the case so well there was nothing left to say.

W. P. Hatheway heartily supported the request of the ladies and urged the government to consider it.

Hon. Mr. Hazen speaking on behalf of the government said they had listened with great pleasure to the views so well presented by the ladies. It was not the intention of the government at this session to ask for any amendment to the election act. A number of amendments had to be considered and the government having been such a short time in office they were not prepared to go into the matter fully. The amendments now asked for, with other changes, would be carefully considered during the recess and at next session the government would be prepared to announce a policy. He understood the request of the delegation was that women should have the same voting privileges in the provincial elections as they now have in the civic and municipal. He pointed out the differences in the function between civic and municipal governments and provincial governments.

The former dealt with matters relating to property from taxation, therefore property holders were given a voice regardless of sex. In the case of married women owning property, the rights were that the husband represented such property. Under the present law universal suffrage was practically given to the men and they had duties and responsibilities from which the women were exempt. Some of these duties, and hereafter were felt, women were physically unable to perform. If women were entered by power of those making them, by resort to arms if necessary, if universal suffrage were given to women and should question arise on which all the women voted one way and all the men another and the women outnumbered the men, there might be complications.

He had always felt that women would get the franchise when they wanted it and were prepared to assume the responsibility. He thought, however, a great bulk of the women at the present time did not want it. The two sexes each had their own functions and duties, and very many women thought could do better work along their own line without being burdened with the public work of the country. He had not observed any general sentiment among women in favor of the franchise. The question was, perhaps, can women have the rights of men, can they have the rights and the privileges of men and at the same time

ROBINSON'S WEAK DEFENCE IS SHATTERED BY McLEOD

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included which had no right to be accounted, that had been owing for eight or ten years.

When the hon. gentleman challenged him he spent the time in detestation was, however, a moderate one and would have been the subject of the most earnest consideration of the government.

Mrs. Pike, referring to the premier's remarks, said President Lincoln was reported to have said when the negroes did not want the franchise, "That was one strong reason why they should have it."

Constitutionally the women of the country were thrown more among the pauper class and had a better idea of the reform measures necessary.

After further remarks from Miss Peters, the delegation thanked the government for the audience and withdrew.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret A. Thomson.

The death of Mrs. Margaret A. Thomson occurred Friday night at the residence of her son-in-law, David Dearness, Queen street. She was 63 years of age, widow of Captain James Thomson, and is survived by two sons and three daughters. The sons are Edwin and Oliver D., of this city and the daughters, Mrs. S. Gilbert, of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. James Porter and Mrs. David Dearness, of St. John.

Mrs. James G. Wilbur.

Shediac, N.B., May 16.—The death occurred here last evening of Mrs. J. G. Wilbur at the age of seventy-three. Mrs. Wilbur had been in failing health for some years, but about three weeks ago her illness took a more serious turn from which time very little hope was entertained of her recovery.

Mrs. Wilbur was a daughter of the late Davenport Tucker, of Lubec, Maine, and is survived by her husband and two sisters. Mrs. Crandall, of Brooklyn, New York, and Mrs. Rowley, of Lubec, Maine. Interment will be made at the Baptist burial ground, Shediac, Cape.

G. L. Hatheway.

The death of G. L. Hatheway occurred Sunday at his residence, 38 Adelaide street. He had been ill about six weeks. The cause of death was heart trouble. Mr. Hatheway was fifty-eight years of age. He leaves his wife, three sons—Walter, Walter and Murray, all of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Richardson, wife of Andrew Richardson, of St. John, and Miss Lottie and Miss Jennie Hatheway, residing at home.

Henry Oulien.

Henry Oulien, millman, is dead at the residence of his son, John, 46 Brook street. He was seventy-five years of age. Besides his son John, with whom he resided, he is survived by a brother in Pennsylvania. The funeral will take place today from St. Peter's church.

Rev. Robert Wasson.

A telegram has been received from New York by Mrs. R. B. Wallace, of Brook street. He was seventy-five years of age. Besides his son John, with whom he resided, he is survived by a brother in Pennsylvania. The funeral will take place today from St. Peter's church.

Mrs. Robert Roberts.

Mrs. Harriett Roberts, widow of Robert Roberts, who for years was bookkeeper with A. Gilmore, died Friday at her home at Woodstock, N. S. She is survived by one son, Frederick, of Goldfield, Nevada, and three daughters, Mrs. Fletcher, whose husband is a St. John man now residing in New York, Mrs. Frederick Carpenter, also of New York, and Miss Grace Wasson, unmarried.

Mrs. Amelia M. Burpee.

Amelia M. Burpee, daughter of M. E. A. Burpee, died at her home at Burton, Sumner county, Friday morning after a lingering illness. Besides her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. K. Forsyth, of Greenwood, N. S., and Mrs. C. H. Hunter, of Douglas Harbor, and three brothers, Morley and Alfred C., at home, and Edward in Mexico. The funeral will take place on Sunday at ten o'clock, with services by Rev. W. J. Kirby.

Richard Kelly.

Fredericton, May 15.—The death occurred on Thursday morning at 7 o'clock of Richard Kelly at his home on the Putticoade road after a lingering illness of cancer of the stomach, aged 68 years. He leaves a widow, five daughters and one son. The daughters are: Mrs. Long, Sherbrooke, Que.; Mrs. Annellen, Gardiner, Mass.; Mrs. Young, Mrs. Toussaint and Mrs. Thurston, of Newburyport. The son, Walter K. Kelly, resides at home.

Thomas H. Ryan.

Thos. H. Ryan died on Sunday at his residence, Hawthorne house, Loch Lomond, aged seventy-one years. He is survived by two daughters and one son. The funeral will be held to Ryan's Settlement.

John McEachern.

Newcastle, May 18.—John McEachern died at Millerton yesterday aged 73. He leaves a wife (formerly Miss Margaret Sutton, of Nelson) and two sons. The funeral takes place in Upper Derby Presbyterian church, tomorrow.

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"I shall be glad when I am old enough to do as I please," said the boy. "And about that, time you will go off and get married, so it won't do you much good, after all," replied the man.—Philadelphia Record.

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The gentleman with whom he spent the day, who has now been the gentleman upon whom this burden of guilt should be placed. At the recent election he was the leader of the opposition in the province except York County, where there did not appear to have been any demand for his services. The leader of the opposition followed in the wake of the St. John Sun, when he charged the provincial secretary that he had given them a financial expenditure more than \$110,000 than was ever expended in one year in the province before. Who was responsible for that? Not the present government, the increase in the amount almost entirely of two items—Interest charges, education, and public works. He followed the leader of the opposition very carefully when dealing with the question of interest amounting to \$178,000. That item did not include \$70,000 for interest on the London loan, or the \$72,000 on the London loan, or the \$10,000 transferred from the public works department. Those items were not shown in the account of the hon. gentleman opposite. The \$72,000 interest on the London loan, which was paid in advance, should appear at least in the account published in the Royal Gazette in December last.

The hon. gentleman had asked the premier whether he had any objection to that interest to be charged in one year. In the speech which he had just made he had said it was not all charged in one year, but he had not said that the interest was not shown anywhere in the accounts. The government were told that in saying that they had no objection to that interest they were saying what was absolutely false. Yet if he added the \$70,000 due on the Central Railway and the \$72,000 on the London loan, and the \$10,000 on public works department to the \$178,000 due for interest as set out on page 99 of the auditor's report, it would make that amount.

EXPENSIVE.

The leader of the opposition went out of his way to criticize the receipt given to the governor general and wondered if the government would complain about the cost. The government had not complained and would not be likely to do so, but he said the speaker could not help saying that an item of \$130,000 for coaching for the governor general who arrived at five o'clock in the afternoon and left again soon after nine in the morning sized up rather lofty. It was absolutely out of all reason that credit should be given to the hon. gentleman, and the total of \$2,100 seemed an enormous amount to spend in the entertainment of the governor general during his stay in the province. The hon. gentleman had gone out of his way to make some criticisms on the office of solicitor general, Mr. Robinson. It was not criticizing the man but the office.

Hon. Mr. McLeod said he did not know whether he ought to find it necessary to credit the hon. gentleman with the cost of the opposition kept well full that the question of retaining the office was never mentioned in the recent campaign. He was not in the province at that time. However, he might say that it was the intention of the present law that the hon. gentleman should be employed half the year in the province. The law officers of the old government did not do that. They paid other people to do it for them. The hon. gentleman himself with drawing their salaries for looking on. During the recent election the hon. gentleman had charged the government with the cost of the opposition. He had charged the government with the cost of the opposition. He had charged the government with the cost of the opposition.

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RECEIPT

Society is taking a rest after a long winter of activity and there seems to be special inducement to give up city residences for country cottages. During the week just ending two very handsome dinners have been given. The first on Wednesday evening at which Col. and Mrs. Hunter Ogilvie, Wellington row, were host and hostess, was a delightful affair. Covers were laid for ten guests. The floral decorations consisted of white tulips, smilax and pink carnations. The guests included Col. and Mrs. G. Rolt White, Mr. and Mrs. George K. McLeod, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Busby, Mr. W. H. Thorne and Mr. Fred Taylor.

Miss Winifred Barnaby is being warmly welcomed upon her return to her native city from India. To her numerous friends it is a matter of regret that her stay in St. John will be of comparatively short duration.

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