

It was later proved that this advertisement emanated from the Retail Liquor Association, and the proof is the following letter:—

“Macomb County Retail Liquor Dealers’ Association.
Office of the Secretary, Mt. Clemens, Mich.,
March 31, 1913.

“To the Publisher:

“I enclose herewith copy for an advertisement which I wish you would insert in this week’s issue of your paper, making ten inches in depth, double column, on your local page or front page, if possible.

I will thank you to see that this is done, and mail statement of charges, and also marked copy to me, and we will remit for the same.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I am,

Yours truly,

Joseph Matthews, Secretary.”

Why do the Liquor Interests oppose the extension of the franchise to women in the United States? Why are the Liquor Interests in this province opposing the extension of municipal franchise to married women? Because they fear that their craft is in danger, and it is one of the factors in considering this bill which the members of this Legislature cannot afford to ignore, that the Liquor Interests are opposed because they fear the results.

WOMEN'S VS. LIQUOR INTERESTS

Now, Mr. Speaker, I desire to ask this question: Is that any sufficient reason why we should deny to a married woman who has property in the municipality a right to vote on that property? I would like to know, Mr. Speaker, who has a better right to express an opinion in the local municipality whether the bar should be closed or remain open than the married woman who is the mother of a family, who is largely responsible for the care and training of the children? If there is one person (if she has the other necessary qualifications under the law) I submit it is the woman entrusted with the rearing of a family; and I submit that we will do a great wrong and injustice to the married women otherwise qualified if we deny them this right. WHEN THE ORGANIZED LIQUOR INTERESTS OF THIS PROVINCE UNDERTAKE TO OPPOSE, AND APPARENTLY SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSE THE EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE TO MARRIED WOMEN, IS IT NOT TIME FOR EVERY PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZEN TO RISE AND PROTEST AGAINST SUCH ACTION AND AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT YIELDING TO THE PRESSURE TO DEFEAT THIS BILL? The municipal voters deal, not only with the question of local option, but they deal with many other questions in which women are equally interested. Married women, otherwise qualified, to-day have the right to vote