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EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Receives Magnificent Support in Western Canada

At the annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, held on January 16, 17 and 18, 1912, at Edmonton, the largest meeting on record, the following resolution was passed unanimously on the motion of President W. J. Tregillus, seconded by Mr. Sheppard:

"Whereas the women in the rural homes in Alberta are sharing equally with the men the burden of the struggle for better conditions and equal rights; and

"Whereas we believe that under the law our women should enjoy equal privileges with the men,

"Therefore be it resolved that we believe that the wives and daughters of our farmers should organize locally and provincially along the lines of the United Farmers of Alberta for the improvement of rural conditions, morally, intellectually and socially, and we would urge all our members to assist in every way the development of such an organization."

Manitoba Grain Growers' Resolution

At the Grain Growers' convention held in Brandon January 24 to 26, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Lewis St. Geo. Stubbs, Birtle, seconded by W. A. Green: "Whereas the object of this association is to establish equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and whereas women should enjoy equal rights with men,

"Therefore be it resolved that this association is in favor of votes for women on equal terms with men."

This resolution was supported by Frank Simpson, J. S. Wood, J. W. Scallion and other delegates, and was carried unanimously.

Miners Endorse Votes for Women

The Western Federation of Miners for Canada at its fifteenth annual convention endorsed Woman's Suffrage without a dissenting voice.

The trades and labor councils of Western Canada have already passed a resolution unanimously in favor of the Universal Adult Suffrage, and they go further and ask for equal pay for equal work. I am sure that every right thinking woman will say with me, "Thank God victory is in sight." This shows that our men are willing to give in the letter and spirit equal rights for all and special privileges for none.

Let us thank God and rejoice at this striking sign of the times, and I feel assured that when women have the vote and an equal voice in the care of the nation, it will be in harmony with the gospel of Christ, which teaches us to respect, honor and love our neighbors as ourselves.

We Must Organize

We must follow the suggestion of the United Farmers of Alberta and organize the women's auxiliaries to this organization, and also for the Grain Growers' associations. You will see one or two letters on the page in which offers are made to act as secretary pro tem for their districts. At first the only officers necessary will be president and secretary-treasurer. It would be a very good idea for the wives of the officers of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Grain Growers' associations to act as presidents pro tem until their first annual meeting, when these homemakers' clubs could be planned on similar lines to the various organizations of which they would be an auxiliary. Surely the splendid support of all these bodies of men representing voters in thousands will rouse sufficient energy and enthusiasm in our women to simply deluge this office with congratulations of this splendid forward movement for the emancipation of women.

HORRIFYING ACCUSATION

In speaking to two newspaper men the other day, the following statement was made: "Everybody wants the vote

for women except the women themselves." Surely this cannot be true. Yet it seems hard to realize that out of all the thousands of women readers only 100 had the energy to sign the voting paper which was issued for two weeks in this journal. What can I say, or do, to rouse the individual reader to the urgent necessity of her becoming a live unit for the progress of the woman kind? Remember that the vote or equal suffrage question does not only benefit the present generation, but will mean the uplift and the betterment of humanity mentally, morally, physically and politically for all generations to come. It will make Canada one of the foremost nations in the progress of the world. It will not be necessary, I feel

assured, for our women to stand out and become militant in their desire for their freedom. We should thank God for the brave women who have fought the good fight and made it possible for our men to realize that the woman can be a truer helpmate, a better mother and a greater home builder when her right to share in the making of the laws of our country is assured.

Organize! Organize! Organize!

The Home page of The Grain Growers' Guide will be placed freely and openly for all reports from any and every part of the country. If you are alone in a town, or feel that you are alone in the fight for equal suffrage, send your name in to The Guide as ready and willing to act as secretary and to collect the names of women who are in sympathy with this movement. Show the men that you are worthy of the trust they are willing to place in your hands. Give them no half-hearted support but go with them, heart and soul, hand in hand, and within a year, I feel assured, we can say in all truth, "Thank God victory is ours."

Suffrage is a vital issue. Dean Sheldon P. Delany says: "Love your neighbor as yourself by allowing him to

vote." If all your neighbors have a voice in the government that is the fundamental principle of democracy. Let us thank God for the modern tendency toward a more widespread and thorough democracy. As Christians, we cannot but rejoice at this striking sign of the times, for democracy more than any other form of government is in harmony with the gospel of Christ, which teaches us to respect, honor and love all our fellow men.

HOMESTEADS FOR WOMEN COMPETITION

According to the voting, the following letters have been adjudged the best, and the prizes will be sent out to the first and second prize winners:

First prize.—F. B. Sulman, Blackfoot, Alta. This prize is the Home cook book, one of the best to be had and one which every woman, I feel assured, would be glad to have.

Second prize.—"Bonniebrae," the story of the Bible. A large volume containing 700 pages beautifully illustrated, and telling the whole story of the Bible in an interesting way.

Third prize.—"A Woman of Experience."

Fourth prize.—E. J. Evans, Bangor, Sask.

Fifth prize.—Agnes Danard, Wapella, Sask.

Will the three last named winners kindly make their selection from the following list of books by Ralph Connor: "Black Rock," "The Sky Pilot," "The Man from Glengarry," "Glengarry Schooldays," "The Doctor," "The Prospector" and "The Foreigner."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Dear Mary Ford:—Mr. James Goring gave my husband a couple of copies of your Grain Growers' Guide. I was looking over one this morning when my eye caught sight of better laws for the women, advising them to band together. This is good advice, a step in the right direction. Ladies, my husband is a member of the Grain Growers' association. We take the other papers already, but I have resolved to subscribe to The Guide myself, for which you will send enclosed one dollar. I like your paper; it is full of good common sense. I will sign the coupon and return it. "Votes for Women," as per request. If you have any scheme afloat or can get up a club any way, I would canvass for ladies' signatures, and promise you fifty votes right away. Then get other ladies interested and get the ball rolling which would soon mean a thousand or more votes. Let us try some way. Show us how to get started. You have no idea how many farmers' wives and daughters are looking for some way to help each other.

MRS. GEO. MAWER.

Roden P.O., Man.

Here is the right spirit, and a few women like the writer of the above letter could move mountains.—Mary Ford.

BETTER TO LAUGH

"Grumble! No; what's the good? If it availed, I would—but it doesn't a bit—not it. Laugh! Yes; why not? It's better than crying a lot. We were made to be glad—not sad. Love! Yes, unceasingly, Ever increasingly, Friends' burdens bearing, Their sorrows sharing, For pattern taking The One above Who is Love."

THE COMMONPLACE

Our lives are full of the commonplace. Lowly tasks surround us on every hand. The monotony and drudgery of our daily duties sometimes cause us to murmur and complain. Yet there is not one single act so commonplace, so trivial, or so slight but can be performed to the glory of God. The lowliest household task may always be a service meet, if it is only performed in the right spirit. Life may be an endless round of sewing, of cooking, of bed-making, of washing, of tidying, yet if we have the willing heart, and the consciousness that this is the work God has called upon us to do, our domestic toil may be sweetened, until its monotony is entirely forgotten.

Don't shirk your lowly duties, my sisters. "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Even in the



7295 Girl's Dress, 10 to 14 years.

GIRL'S DRESS 7295.

WITH SQUARE OR HIGH NECK, ELBOW OR LONG SLEEVES.

Kimono sleeves that are sewed to the blouse are among the latest features to be found in girls' dresses as well as in those of their elders. Here is a frock that shows them and that is just as attractive as can be. In the front view it is made with a square neck and elbow sleeves. The material is crepe cashmere and the trimming is banding. In the back view it is made of royal blue serge and there is a yoke of all-over lace while the sleeves are made long. The two frocks are essentially different in effect yet the model is the same in both cases and many suggestions might be made for still different treatments. Plaid fabrics are much liked and later it would be charming made from linen, pique and other materials of the kind.

The dress consists of blouse and skirt. The blouse is made in two portions with separate sleeves and these are all joined to the yoke. When square neck is used the yoke is cut out on an indicated line and trimming is arranged over the lower portions. The skirt is six gored and forms a double box plait at front and back. The closing of the blouse is made at the back of the skirt invisibly beneath the box plait.

For the 12 year size will be required 5 1/4 yards of material 27, 4 yards 36, 3 1/2 yards 44 inches wide with 1 1/2 yards of banding to trim as shown in the front view, 3/4 yard of all-over lace to make as shown in the back view.

The pattern, No. 7295, is cut in sizes for girls of 10, 12 and 14 years of age, and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt of ten cents.

No. Size

Name

Address

BLOUSE WITH FRONT CLOSING 7290.

WITH OR WITHOUT LINING THAT CAN BE MADE WITH PLAIN OR PUFFED UNDER-SLEEVES, WITH OR WITHOUT FRILL.

The blouse that is closed at the front is such a comfortable one that every woman welcomes a new design made in that way. Here is a model that is chic in the extreme. It includes the new kimono sleeves that are sewed to big arm-holes and that are shaped beneath the arms, and it can be finished with or without a frill and with or without the stock collar. In the illustration it is made of crepe metéore with trimming of banding and is lined, the lining including plain under-sleeves, but it can be made without a lining if preferred or it can be made with lined and puffed under-sleeves, in place of the plain ones. As a result it is adapted to immediate needs and to the future, for such a model would be charming made from washable material with trimming of embroidery or heavy lace banding.

The blouse is made with fronts and back portions that are seamed over the shoulders and with one-piece sleeves that are stitched to it. The lining is a simple one, fitted by means of darts, and is closed at the center front, while the blouse is closed at the left of the front. The stock collar is joined to the neck edge of the blouse and closed at the back. The under-sleeves make a part of the lining whether they are puffed or plain.

For the medium size will be required 2 1/2 yards of material 27, 1 3/4 yards 36, 1 1/2 yards 44 inches wide with 3/4 yard of silk for the trimming and 1/4 yard of all-over lace and 1/4 yard of lace 7 inches wide.

The pattern, No. 7290, is cut in sizes for a 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 bust measure, and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt of ten cents.

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