

Ontario Equal Franchise Union

The suffrage having been achieved provincially by Ontario women, and promised without reservations by the Prime Minister of the Dominion, the Ontario Equal Franchise Union has become the Women's Citizenship Association. Mrs. A. B. Ormsby, the President, has been holding meetings to inculcate the full discharge of their civic duties by women, whether enfranchised by the War-Time Election Act or not, "That is the policy of our Association," Mrs. Ormsby explained, "as laid down by the Executive, in a resolution which endorsed a Union Government, pledged to strong win-the-war-policies. Our membership, on the whole, was against the limitation of the women's franchise in this election. We felt that Parliament should have honored the franchise conferred by the Legislature. But that feeling makes absolutely no difference to our support of the Union Government. We want to do all we can to help the voting women to understand the issues that are to be decided, and to act accordingly. We have appointed Mrs. W. H. Becker field secretary, and are doing **every thing to support the Union Government**, and to consolidate an informed opinion that will be effective after the election, and during the long, trying time that is ahead of the country.

Women's Christian Temperance Union

The Women's Christian Temperance Union is one of the most powerful women's bodies in the land. The Ontario president is Mrs. E. A. Stevens, who, having taken part in the great win-the-war conventions, in Montreal during May, and in Toronto last August, personally endorsed the granting of a partial franchise to women for purely war purposes. Mrs. Stevens put the situation in this way:—

"The W.C.T.U. has been, and will always be, absolutely independent of political parties. We have helped and criticised both, as they have satisfied or disappointed us, on the platform of moral and social reform on which we stand. While we have deplored some aspects of the Canadian military administration, there is no question about our wish that the Government shall go all the way to win the war. At our Cornwall convention there was some criticism of my stand in support of the War-time Election Act. We have as a body supported suffrage, and it was not easy for us to accept a limitation. **But we recognized**