

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

DELEGATION ASKS VOTES FOR WOMEN

Large and Representative Gathering Waited Upon Premier Hearst.

WILL CONSIDER CASE

Matter Not Likely to Come Up During Present War Session.

A large and representative delegation waited upon the premier yesterday morning at the parliament buildings for the purpose of enlisting government aid in the matter of extending the franchise to married women on the same basis as it is now given to widows and spinners.

The audience took place in the west reception room, and the matter in hand together with the speakers who were to represent different issues relating to the subject of the vote for women, were introduced by W. Munns, secretary of the Canadian Suffrage Association.

Mr. Munns expressed his delight and that of the delegation at being received for the first time by the Hon. W. H. Hearst, premier of the province. Referring to the last delegation about which some misunderstanding had gone abroad, Mr. Munns said that the delegates had been courteously received and that they had been well satisfied.

Any disturbance on that occasion had not come from their ranks in which there is no militancy. The speaker then stated that an appeal had been made to the electors of Ontario and that the delegation was present to give the result of that appeal. A list of the municipalities was then read, showing that in no instance had the appeal met with defeat, and representing seventy-four cities, towns and other centres had been received stating that they would petition the government to enlarge the present municipal franchise in order to include married women taxpayers.

In Toronto a referendum had shown a majority of 18,010 in favor. Many societies too, among them the Toronto local council, Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Trades and Labor Council supported the Toronto campaign.

Mr. Margaret Gordon, introduced as "Mother of the Referendum," was pleased to have good reports from Ontario. Mr. Munns, she said, had taken a good deal of her fire—just like a man, interpolated the premier. As a result of the campaign there was one thing at least which could be stated with assurance, that women who knew they did not have the vote, before many did not even know this.

London, Port, Port William, Windsor, Orangeville and Stratford were among the municipalities that had given the vote for married women. Dr. Gordon advocated a provincial referendum. Manitoba and other places had their women voting. "What's the matter with Ontario women?" said this enthusiastic advocate as she gave place to the next speaker, Mrs. John MacDonnell.

Mrs. Denison called attention to the world movement going on along the lines in which the delegation was interested. She had the honor to be present at the great gathering in Budapest when 4,000 delegates representing twenty-five countries from all over the world assembled in the cause of the enfranchisement of women, and she was not alone to look on. "All we are asking," said Mrs. Denison, "is that the franchise be given to women on the same basis as it is now given to men."

Dr. Margaret Johnston made a short but incisive speech. She was the grand-daughter of a Tory and the daughter of a dyed-in-the-wool Tory, but she was not proud of it. She was not proud of being associated with any government that placed women in the same category with lunatics, criminals and fools. All civilized nations are now having to face the question. The government that gives married women the vote and benefits the daughters of the country is the one of which the women will be proud.

One of the most eloquent addresses was made by Dr. Stowe Gullett, who was called upon unexpectedly. She had been interested in suffrage since she was sixteen years old. That married women are deprived of the franchise she regarded as a slur upon the judgment of the men who married them. The question is an important one demanding thought. She did not believe that the present barbaric war would have happened if men had placed women everywhere on an equality with themselves. The world today would not have been in the hopeless muddle in which it now finds itself. Illiterate foreigner of many nationalities are giving the vote while educated college-bred women are ignored.

Dr. Gullett raised a laugh when she related that a foreigner at a certain election, in reply to all questions asked, answered Hocken, Jimmy Simpson or Tommy Church, the last name being suggested by the premier, as the doctor's memory failed a moment at this point.

Manitoba Conditions. Conditions in Manitoba were spoken of by Mrs. Graham of Winnipeg. In 1880 the first record of voting in Manitoba was made. Ten years later, males or females over twenty-one years with property qualification to the value of one hundred dollars might vote. The speaker, referring to Ontario, asked, "Is it a crime to marry a man?"

A plea for the women was made by G. W. Bengough, who declared that the only way in which man was woman's superior was in physical force, and that the question of their enfranchisement is of human concern and the petition of the delegation reasonable. The principle of taxation without representation was repugnant, and New Zealand and Australia had already done justice in this regard.

Representing the Trades and Labor Council, R. J. Stevenson asked the government to accede to the request of the women and to do it now. He took the opportunity of thanking the government for its action in so far as it concerned the labor cause.

He would never hear of a better presentation than that of the ladies," said R. D. Fairbairn, a member of the board of education, who said he was with the delegation, and stated his opinion that the average woman is above the average of male voters. Rev. Mr. Ellis advocated "push" and "pull," and Rev. Father Minehan expressed himself as in favor of the widest extension of enfranchisement to women.

Premier Replies. Replying to the several addresses, Hon. Mr. Hearst said that the government had no objection to the opportunity the occasion had afforded him of hearing the presentations made. He had never listened to a case more perfectly presented. He was sorry that circumstances had prevented him being present when the delegation met. He was on a former occasion, but if his absence then had afforded him the pleasure of today he was quite content. "The question," said the premier, "is important and will receive the very best consideration."

He would not promise that the matter would be taken up just now, as this is a war session and further information is wanted. He was not sure as to the result of the campaign, but he was sure that the women, which is the thing needed. Many of the very best women are not in favor of the vote, while others are not, said the premier. Only this week representation from those had been made. There is not unanimity. Women today are extending their influence. The question is, will the vote extend this?

Referring to the address by the representative from Manitoba, the premier said he admired the work of the women there very much, but thought that the women of Ontario who have been doing great things had as great an influence as the women of Manitoba. Because they are such an influence they are entitled to the greatest consideration.

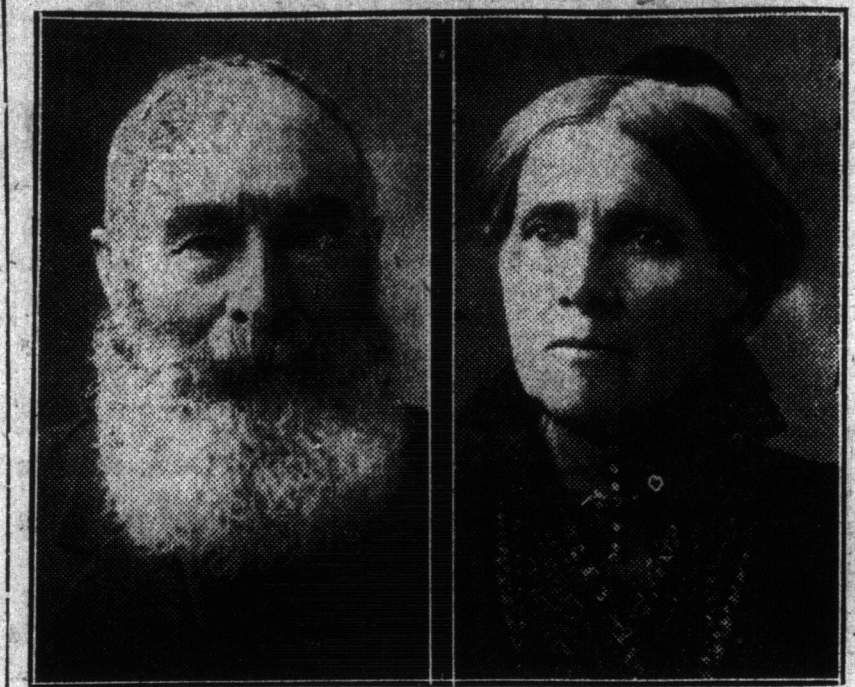
Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer, and Hon. Friday Macdonnell, minister of agriculture, were with the premier, and among others present were: Mrs. Pauline, Mount Forest; Mrs. F. J. O'Donoghue and Mrs. Daniels.

TEACHERS RECOMMENDED. Eight new teachers have been recommended by Chief Inspector Cowley for appointment at this time. The committee, namely: H. H. Sheppard, Miss R. Shepherd, Miss A. H. Essery, Miss L. Clark, Miss R. Hill, Miss Linnage, Miss N. Manning and Miss A. Evans.

FAVORED BRITISH. Rev. Dr. Somerville of the Presbyterian board of finance has just returned from the pan-Presbyterian council meeting at Cincinnati. Dr. Somerville stated that he was much impressed by the pro-British feeling shown by the delegates present.

REV. E. MCKENZIE DEAD. Word has just been received at the Presbyterian home mission office of the death of Rev. E. McKenzie of Huron Hills Indian mission. The Indians have sent a petition that Mrs. McKenzie be appointed to carry on work among them as their missionary.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



LINDSAY, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Denis Fitzpatrick celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their country home, about three miles from town, on Saturday, Feb. 20. Seven out of a family of ten children, nine of whom are living, were present, namely: Mrs. H. M. Shaw, of Port; Miss Margaret and Mary, graduate nurses and practicing in New York; Sister St. Joseph, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterboro; R. F. Fitzpatrick, of Fitzpatrick & O'Connell, Limited, Toronto; Hilary, who lives near home, and Denis V., at home; Wm. L., who lives in Globe, Arizona, and Joseph J., in Bakersfield, Cal.

The celebration took the form of a banquet. A unique feature was the presence of the bride and groom, and of interest to many old couples who were present. The family presented a purse of gold with an address and many other beautiful presents were also received. The wedding cake was sent by Mrs. W. L. Fitzpatrick, of Globe, Arizona, and was served to over 150 guests during the day.

Mr. Denis Fitzpatrick was born in the year 1840. Mrs. Denis Fitzpatrick (nee Ellen Meehan) was born in the year 1845.

URGING THE FARMERS TO COMMENCE WORK

Should Co-Operate in Regard to Mutual Insurance and Map Out Scheme.

"It is up to you farmers to forget the fact that every farmer thinks the other man is trying to get the best of him," said W. J. Vail, addressing the afternoon session of the Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association at the Carls Hotel yesterday.

AUSTRIANS EVACUATE POSITIONS ON PRUTH

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Feb. 24.—Austrian troops the artillery have evacuated the positions occupied on the Bukovina frontier, across the Pruth River from Romania, Roumania, says a despatch to The Daily Mail from Manama, dated Monday. The retreating forces are said to have moved back to Czernowitz because of the accurate Russian artillery fire.

GIFT TO BELGIANS.

COBBOURG, Feb. 24.—Rev. Geo. Brown, M.B.O., has sent a contribution of \$88 to the Belgian Relief Fund from his pastorage.

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NOTES OF WOMEN'S WORLD.

The Frances Willard Hall board will meet at 11 today at 20 East Gerrard street and the District W.C.T.U. will meet at 2.

The Women's Musical Club will give "A Students' Day" program at the Conservatory of Music this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Downtown Church Workers' Association meet in the west room of parish house, Church of Redeemer, Miss Martin will speak on her travels in Italy before the Connaught "Y."

The North Toronto branch Patriotic League rooms will be open all day. Members are asked to help with the day's dressings and bandages.

Recent letters from France will be read at the regular meeting of the Parkdale auxiliary of the McCall Mission at the home of Mrs. Lorne Coates, 21 Beatty avenue, at 8 p.m.

The College Heights and Rosedale Patriotic League will meet in the Descones' Home, Avenue road and St. Clair avenue, at 8. An address on "The Empire After the War" will be given.

A benefit euchre was given yesterday afternoon in the Royal Canadian Bicycle Club parlors, 181 Broadview avenue, when a very gratifying amount was netted with which to aid the needy families in Riverdale district.

A very successful sale of home-made dainties was conducted by the Women's Institute, East Toronto, yesterday afternoon at Elk Hall, 188 Main street. Proceeds of the sale and tea will be devoted to the relief work of the Red Cross Society.

The North Toronto branch of the Patriotic League met in the Y.M.C.A. Albertus and Yonge, for a service of prayer yesterday afternoon.

The resident girls of the Toronto Conservatory of Music have been planning during the past weeks with a view to raising money for relief work. Yesterday afternoon their efforts culminated in a charmingly arranged patriotic tea, held in the new recital hall. Many friends partook of the dainty tea dispensed by willing workers, who realized a splendid amount for the Red Cross.

The regular sewing meeting of the Lake Shore branch of the Red Cross was held at the residence of Mrs. Ogden, 170 Balmoral avenue.

The euchre held by the Women's Conservative Club yesterday afternoon was a splendid success. Mrs. Arthur Vankoughnet, assisted by her executive committee, presided. A good amount in aid of the comforts for soldiers, was served at the close of the afternoon.

The Queen's Own Rifles Chapter, L.O.E.E., held its regular sewing meeting at W. P. L. headquarters, when under the guidance of the sewing convenors a splendid afternoon's work was accomplished.

The monthly business meeting of the women's auxiliary of the boys' division, Y.M.C.A., was held in the centre building yesterday, when reports for the past four weeks were read, showing a gradual increase in attendance at the weekly meetings, provided by the members of the auxiliary. The treasurer's report showed that, although the funds were not flourishing, the financial state was very satisfactory and work is progressing splendidly.

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KENNETH CARRIE CASE POSTPONED ONCE MORE

Crown States Anxiety to Have Trial Proceed at Once.

For a short time in the county criminal court yesterday morning there was a heated argument between Crown Attorney Greer and T. C. Robinette, K.C., when the latter announced that he was unable to go on with the trial of Kenneth Carrie, charged with beating Hilda Williamson, the young domestic, employed at his home on Roncesvalles avenue.

"This case has been up four or five times, and I am not going to take any further responsibility," said Attorney Greer. "I am going to place a bill before the grand jury and force the case on next week, and if a true bill is found against him I will have him taken into custody."

Mr. Robinette said he could not go on without his material witness, who, he stated, is under the doctor's care. "Not even if the case dragged on for two years can we have any travesty of justice."

G.T.R. FORWARDED BIG SUBSCRIPTION TO FUND

Cheque Brings Total Donation to Almost Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars.

MONTREAL, Feb. 23.—E. J. Chamberlain, president of the G. T. R., today forwarded to Ottawa a cheque for \$40,915.91, being the amount voluntarily subscribed by the officers and employees of the G. T. R. to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. In addition to this the officers and employees of the G. T. R. have contributed \$4,813.41, making a total of \$55,729.32 from the staffs of the two railways.

KEEPS MEN IDLE.

Members of the Asbestos Workers' Union met in the Labor Temple last night and raised objections regarding certain large manufacturing firms in Toronto who preach about using "Made in Canada" goods, and then go over to the United States and buy material for asbestos work in their factories. They claim that it hurts the Canadian manufacturing firms, and keeps a number of men out of work.

BERLIN'S WAR TAX.

BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 24.—Berlin's contribution to the new provincial war tax will be \$11,000, and the Town of Waterloo will contribute \$100.

MERCHANTS STATE THEIR GRIEVANCES

Hardware Retail Men, Say That Wholesalers Send Un-saleable Goods.

SHOULD COMPLAIN

If Matter Was Laid Before Society, It Would Be Corrected.

About 200 members of the Ontario Retail Hardware and Storekeepers' Association registered at the King Edward yesterday, where their convention is being held.

Paul was found by President McPherson with what he characterized as insufficient inspection of some of the goods shipped by the manufacturers.

In the case of mop handles, shovels, etc., he claimed that in every dozen of these articles purchased by the retailer there would be at least one or two that could not be sold owing to imperfections in their manufacture. "I would prefer to buy my goods in Canada, and I think the manufacturers should see to it that we receive goods that are up to the standard."

Should Be Reported. In reply President Taylor of the Taylor-Forbes Co. threw the blame on the retailer, stating that if imperfections were promptly reported to the manufacturer, a check would soon be put on any overights of this kind. This view of the case was backed up by Secretary Tobin of Woodstock, who also said that imported goods were very often not as represented, and suggested that the retailer forward his complaints to the secretary of the association.

A very successful banquet was held last evening at Dunning's Hotel, when a number of interesting comments were made by the guests on various aspects of trade conditions.

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Do you know Triscuit? It is the Shredded Whole Wheat Wafer. Try this whole wheat toast a few days instead of white flour bread toast and see how much better you feel.

TRISCUIT

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