

another page. The Suffragists of this Province must make a point of reminding the Education Department, when the time comes, of its duty in connection with this all-important matter. It will be noted that the Superintendent of Education is "unable to explain" . . . "how or why except through an inadvertence" the disastrous alteration occurred. It strikes us as rather significant of the seriousness with which men regard their responsibilities in this direction that such a vital "amendment" could pass into law without the knowledge of the Minister and the Superintendent of the Department most immediately concerned. It is high time that a Department which deals so directly with affairs in which women are specially competent to advise, should become politically answerable to women electors for the way in which it fulfils the duties allotted to it. We quite believe that both the Minister of Education and the Superintendent of Education were totally unaware of the iniquitous blunder, or worse, but we would like to know what excuse they can offer the country for their ignorance on the subject.

Recruits

New members continue to pour in in spite of the fact that the summer is always a slack time for political work and that most of the Branch officials are out of town. The last fortnight has seen the enrolment of a few specially useful and active friends, including Mrs. Montgomery of Cordova Bay, who has subscribed for five yearly subscriptions to the Champion and given also a handsome donation to the funds, and Miss Gladys Shrapnel, whom also we are particularly glad to welcome.

The Carnival

This will be a thing of the past before our next number is published. The League of Victoria, although not citizens, are going to take part in the citizens' carnival, and are preparing an historic float for the parade. The colors used will be the colors of the

League. It is needless to say that it will be very beautiful, for whatever this League has undertaken since its organization, it has made a success and won the goodwill and endorsement of the citizens, even though they might differ in opinion on the subject for which the League is working.

Fall Campaign

Before another issue of this paper we hope to begin our autumn campaign. Miss Adela Parker, a woman who has been filling the position of lecturer in the High Schools of Seattle, and who has successfully passed her examination in law, will be in the city on her vacation and has promised to give us several addresses on civic questions as they relate to women. Miss Parker is a woman of culture, she has a strong personality, and is a pleasing speaker with a forcible method of dealing with her subject.

Personal

We regret to lose from Vancouver one of our charter members and energetic workers, Mrs. Lashley Hall, who with her husband has gone to Revelstoke to reside. Mrs. Hall has given much of her valuable time to the Suffrage Cause and last year organized many Leagues in the lower part of the Province. While still one of our official organizers and will doubtless continue her efficient and self-sacrificing work in the Interior, we shall miss her at the Coast. We wish her every success in her new home.

The Last Petition

We cannot ignore an event which has challenged the attention of the whole world and focussed it for a bewildered moment on the Suffrage movement.

Whatever individuals may think of the Militants and their methods, no thinking man or woman can fail to be struck by the courage and the single-minded devotion which could lead a woman to certain death—or worse—in