

NO MOTHER OR SISTER HARMED BY SUFFRAGE IN AUSTRALIA

Hon. Geo. E. Foster, in Quiet Speech Before Borden Club,
Tells How Reforms Are Working Out Across the Pa-
cific—A Real Danger From Millions of Orientals to the
North

People who attended the Borden Club's meeting last night in expectation of a fiery political speech by Hon. Mr. E. J. Fox were disappointed. He did not give one. He spoke of his service to the state, its sacredness, and how it could be accomplished, and then congratulated Australia with Canada, leaving political matters to the minister of lands, forests and mines for Ontario, the other speaker. The meeting was in the L.O.O.F. Hall, College street.

A letter of congratulation from Mr. Borden was read. Then the speakers

on this subject, the minister told with nice sense of description of Australia and compared her with Canada, of the weather there, of the forests of gum trees, of the influence of the Labor unionism was dominant in almost the country. "The term of office of government is three years, and the minister of lands, forests and mines is usually obstinate as that at Ottawa."

Of military drill, as in operation in Australia, Hon. Mr. Foster was heard in a forceful manner, and of the training of men of boys. It was better than the training to a baseball game and yelling and

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the object of this club. Still service to the state is fulfilled in many ways. The mother who bears and rears a child makes a valuable contribution to her country is performing a wondrous service. The teacher is not repaid by salary or honorarium, but his services are placed at the disposal of the hundreds of children that pass thru his hands. The same applies to clergymen, men of social life, the laboring man, the man of letters, the statesman and gives to the state something, to

Men who are genuine. Yet this is not all, for unless the citizens of the state realize their duty they fall in their lives to a certain extent. Today it is not the simple call for warriors to defend the state, but there is a service to the state that is broad as the state

self, and the men who rule are the units, and you, everyone of you, are these units.

Serve for the Others.

"So after all you are called to serve the state. Serve yourself, and if you have time and ability serve for those

brothers and sisters who have not. There are many ways of serving the state, many of them, but I will not weary you with telling of and numbering them."

The Canadian Club was one that was nurturing men for the service of the

ate, Clubs like the Borden Club were theirs. Because people were followers of Borden or Laurier did not mean they thought either perfect, but in general these men embodied their ideas, and their followers, such as the Borden Club, need not follow blindly, but could sug-

est and help, and in that way give service to the state.

Labor in Australia.

Then breaking away altogether from

Arthur Van Koughnet, Jos. Thompson, A. W. Wright, Wm. Crawford, Hon. Thomas Crawford, Geo. Stevens, Norris.

DISPERCENTAGE OF COAL

BIG PERCENTAGE OF OIL LEASES MAY BE INVALID

Remarkable Situation Created in Alberta Over Titles to Mineral Rights — Much Homestead Land is Affected and Tedious Litigation Expected to Result

CALGARY, Alta., Feb. 25.—That a large percentage of Alberta oil leases may be declared invalid owing to the

ominion Government's power to grant mineral rights being challenged. A condition that is at present arousing the attention of many investors in the middle west.

A most remarkable situation has

USEFUL INFORMATION
FOR INTENDING SETTLERS

It has been generally understood that while land filed on for homestead purposes prior to 1889 carried to the homesteader the mineral rights thereunder, all homestead lands taken up since that date were without such mineral rights. These rights were sub-

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—In view of the fact that every year brings to the northwest many new settlers who are unacquainted with the methods of breaking and preparing land for crop-

It is on this basis that leases have been applied for by the crowds who have besieged the land office during the past few days. It is not known whether the success or failure of a new settler often depends on the method employed in the preparation of the land for his first crop, there has been issued by direction of Hon.

the oil lands applied for in this district are for oil and gas rights under lands that were homesteaded between 1860 and 1887 and 1908. There is high legal authority for the position that during all these years the

Government had no right under the law to make these reservations of mineral rights from homesteaders, and that the oil and gas rights under all those lands belong to the owners of the surface rights or to anyone to whom the owner of the surface rights may assign.

em. This contention, if correct, could mean that perhaps half the cases recently applied for are entirely useless.

Thousands of Lenses.

Should the contention raised be upheld, it would follow that the homesteaders would be required to purchase thousands of lenses for the later treatment of new land by the superintendents of the experimental stations at Scott, Saskatchewan, Lethbridge and Lacombe, Alberta and Brandon, Manitoba.

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aders affected could properly resist the rights of oil and gas leaseholders. and that this position would apply to thousands of cases in the Calgary field. The homesteader would go to the government and ask that the reservation lease in his patent be struck out, and

on this it follows that the government would have to return the money into the land office by applicants leaseholds upon the great area of land affected.

The question has been raised in a

ious manner and endorsed by excellent legal opinion, and until it is tied one way or another the title oil-and-gas rights on a very im-

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