

historic, and the leave-taking scene at their departure was one of almost unexampled enthusiasm, regret, and good will.

During this brief sojourn in Ireland, Lady Aberdeen founded and organized the Irish Industries Association, which has continued its beneficent work continuously during the subsequent twenty-three years, and has brought practical advantage to countless Irish homes.

At the end of 1886, Lord and Lady Aberdeen started on a tour round the world, visiting India and Australia, and returning home through the United States.

Soon after this, Lady Aberdeen became, first Chairman, and afterwards President, of the Women's Liberal Federation of England. The Chairmanship of this extremely vigorous organization of able and active women (the membership amounting to about 80,000) implied a test and task, the successful fulfilment of which is perhaps as significant as anything that has been accomplished by the subject of this sketch.

The Presidency of the Scottish Women's Liberal Federation was likewise occupied by Lady Aberdeen, who also edited the Monthly Magazine of that Association. (Her successor in this particular position and work is her daughter, Lady Pentland, whom many Canadians remember as Lady Marjorie Gordon).

In 1890 and again in 1891, Lord and Lady Aberdeen had made private visits to Canada, travelling on both occasions as far as Victoria, B.C., and back; and it was during the second visit that Lord Aberdeen purchased the Coldstream Estate, which has become well known as a pioneer fruit growing enterprise, on a large scale, in that district. At that time also Lady Aberdeen, during a visit to Chicago, made full preparations for the holding of the Irish Village at the World's Fair in 1903, which was so successful in promoting Irish Home Industries.



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