

doing splendidly with regard to the petitions.

SUMMERLAND has all the materials for one of the best Branches possible, but has not yet quite organized. The difficulties are rather local, and will soon be overcome. The Duke of Connaught most inconsiderately interfered with my first visit here—with the result that a public meeting was put off of the question, and instead I spoke by invitation to two Societies—the W. C. T. U. in the afternoon, and the Socialist Party in the evening. Both meetings were eminently satisfactory, but inevitably small and somewhat “exclusive.” Summerland has, in the very short time at our disposal, collected nearly 500 names to the petition, and will collect many more if we can spare the time, which is sufficient proof of the sympathy there, though it has been a disappointment to me to have no Branch yet. However, we have a delightful circle of un-organized friends to appeal to and to work with, and the formation of a real Branch is merely a question of adjustment and time. I have the names of those eager to join, but no one is prepared to accept office! !

PEACHLAND, owing to my stupid mistake, had not arranged a public meeting for me, as its enthusiastic suffragists would otherwise have done; but we had two, nevertheless—one consisting of the members of the W. C. T. U. held by the kind invitation of Mrs. McCall at her house, the other a small public meeting which I very hastily organized in order to waste no opportunity, and which was thoroughly successful from every point of view but that of numbers. We had, however, more than I had expected. Here, again, the time at my disposal was insufficient to allow of organization, but several interested women are taking the matter up, and we shall have a Branch in Peachland before long.

PENTICTON is one of the earliest and best Branches, and this is chiefly due to the unselfish and splendid work of those who organized a large meeting—two large meetings—ready for my first visit, and for the loyal support they have received since in all their work, from persons too numerous to mention by name. The Misses Duncan and Mrs. I. M. Stevens had drawn about 80 women to the afternoon meeting, and we had well over 100, men and women, at the evening meeting. Here flourishes a quite excellent Branch, which has already had other public meetings, and is well ahead with petition work. This was the first Branch to send for an extra supply of Forms.

REVELSTOKE is in glorious earnest. Three meetings—the last a record one for provincial work in the Suffrage campaign—form only the outward and visible sign of the unflagging spirit which possesses it. Women of leisure and women with no leisure, women with position and women without, have all massed together in Revelstoke and have sunk all prejudices, all personal difficulties, all differences of opinion in one “long, strong pull” for Woman’s Freedom. At the last meeting, on December 10th, when the theatre was practically filled, the President of this Branch, Mrs. Sturdy, as Chairman, said one of the best things that has been said in this country on the subject. She said: “We women of Revelstoke have not taken up this work lightly or thoughtlessly or without facing the possibilities it involves. We have thought it all out; we know what we are doing; and we shall not lay it down again. **We are going to see this thing through.**” This is the spirit which animates all the suffragists of B. C. men and women, as it has animated men and women fighting for this Cause all the world over; and the Executive Committee of the Revelstoke Branch, who supported the Chair