

## DEPUTATION ASKS FOR TAX REFORMS

Mrs. Prenter Heads Single Taxers Before Premier Sir William Hearst.

### SEEK BEST SYSTEM

Some in West Have Changed Opinion Since Boom Days.

Mrs. Hector Prenter, president of the Single Tax Association of Ontario, introduced a deputation from that body to Premier Sir William Hearst and members of the Ontario cabinet at the parliament buildings yesterday, which asked for consideration of two suggestions touching upon reform in the matter of taxation. In opening, Mrs. Prenter said the present system of taxation in Ontario was in the worst interests of the nation, and that the addition of improvements to the home was the signal for increased taxes. The conditions brought about by the war made it very necessary that a change be made, she said.

The women of Ontario, it was held, were vitally interested in the question of a more equitable system than that which prevailed now, because it was a matter that touched the home. The Ontario Government had been responsible for advanced legislation on other lines—the Ontario Temperance Act and the Women's Franchise Act being mentioned, and the presence of so many women in the deputation was because of the recognition which women generally had received.

War Speeds Reforms. A. B. Farmer said war had speeded up action in many reforms, and the "elacker acres" should be made to produce just as the slacker had been forced to fight. There were 2700 acres of idle land in Toronto, and it was time action was taken to put it to productive use. He presented two suggestions—that a special provincial tax on unimproved land, based on value, be levied, and that each municipality should have the privilege of taxing land higher than the building. He said the procedure was not without precedent and upheld the request as reasonable in every way.

L. H. Blatchford, representing 13,000 United Farmers of Ontario, supported the speaker, and A. C. Thompson said the views expressed were those of experts.

Seeking Best System. In reply, Premier Sir William Hearst said the women were always welcome to appear on any subject. This was very important and it was unnecessary for him to say that the government was very anxious to find the best system. "We have not been idle," he said. "One of the first questions we took up when I became premier was that of taxation. The war has disturbed many things, and among others the working out of a system of taxation."

Sir William referred to conditions in the west, and said that in some cities the scheme was in operation, but former advocates had changed their minds since the boom days had passed. "We must try to get legislation that will apply under all conditions," he said. He did not believe a tax on unimproved land would increase production, for the trouble had never been want of land. He promised a thorough study of the situation and that the matter would be brought before the cabinet.

Asked as to the possibility of securing local option in municipal taxation, the premier answered that the matter must be carefully considered.

LYTLE BRANCH, W. C. T. U. Good Papers Read at Yesterday Afternoon's Meeting.

The members of the Lytle branch of the W. C. T. U. met at their rooms in the Eastern Memorial Church yesterday afternoon, the president, Mrs. Wightman, in the chair. There was a good attendance and an interesting program was held.

Papers were read on "The harm cigarettes are doing our boys," Mrs. Harry Pell read a paper on "What our representatives are doing at the front." The W. C. T. U. supports three Y. M. C. A. workers. A letter was read from Mrs. Draper acknowledging the wreath sent by the Lytle Union on the occasion of the death of her mother, Mrs. Lytle, the founder of the branch and whose name it bears.

GATEWOMAN IN OTTAWA. Ottawa has a "gatewoman" who wears a natty blue uniform with brass buttons, Miss Taber—that's her name—is already "on the job." But she's not calling out the usual "stop, please," or replying to anxious enquiries yet. She's diffidently standing at her post with a "mere man," watching how he does things—and doubtless figuring out how it could be improved upon.

The officials of the G.T.R. are confident that the "gatewoman" they are making will prove successful. They believe an alert woman is equally as well qualified for such positions as those now occupying them.

POTATOES AND CHEESE. Cut some cooked mealy potatoes into slices, put them in an enameled dish, well buttered, in which they are to be served. Sprinkle over them a little salt and white pepper, grated cheese and a little milk. Put the dish in a deep tin, containing boiling water, and place in a quick oven for about 15 minutes. Then take up and cover with a cheese puree, put back into the oven, or under the broiler, brown slightly, before serving, sprinkle with a little finely chopped parsley. The cheese puree is made as follows: Cut four ounces of cheese into very thin slices, put into a stewpan with a gill of milk, and stir over the fire till they melt; add a little pepper and pour over the potatoes.

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## Saunters Thru The City Shops

BY MARY SLIPPER

All women shop, but all women do not shop alike. Some are born shoppers. Some acquire shopping and as others it is thrust. For women great stores are built and stocked with all the things calculated to fill the need, tempt the eye and appeal to the vanity of woman. Women are the shoppers of the world; they are the spenders of the nation.

As shopping fills so large a part of modern woman's days, and as the city in which we live is the great shopping centre of the Dominion, The World has decided to combine with its many other attractions for the women readers, a shopping service. The service will be a review of the shops in Toronto, seen thru a woman's eyes for women readers. Questions or letters addressed to this department will be given the most complete and up-to-date information.

Dineen's has a fur sale on, and I "croyed that impulse" and followed the crowd into the store up to the second floor, where the new department for women's wear is open.

The pretty case of ermine attracted me most of all. "Ermine is getting scarce," said the salesman. "This," he said, taking up a muff, "is of the Russian fur. Very soon there will be no more of this ermine in Canada. These are all the pieces we have now."

There is a wonderful difference between the Russian and the Canadian skins. The Canadian is coarser and duller, and, of course, cheaper. Russian ermine is very soft, glossy and white. The salesman said that the fur is very easily cleaned and kept in good condition.

Dainty silk scarfs with silk embroidery and wool tassels caught my eye yesterday in the fancy neckwear section of the Robert Simpson Company. The oriental coloring gave one the suggestion of the land of their origin, even without the pleasant little salesman's information—one knew that only from Japan could such dainty conceptions originate.

The wool conservation movement is already showing in the new frocks. Satin, crepe, tulle and silk are to be the favored materials if one may judge by the showing of the early spring suits in T. Eaton's rooms yesterday. But I did not go in the "big store" to look at spring suits. I wanted to see the silver spoons a friend told me were real bargains there this week. One can make over one's suit—but what can take the place of spoons? I do not wonder that one always finds a crowd around the silverware section of T. Eaton's. There is usually something good offered there and the salesgirls are really very nice.

Mary Slipper

Knitting, knitting, always knitting. No one ever thinks of quitting. As the hours and days go fitting—Knitting, knitting, always knitting.

## MRS. COURTICE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION

Looking Into Cause of Miss Held's Resignation From Staff Before Investigation Concluded.

"I think I do know, but I would rather not say," she suggested Miss Held's resignation until I am definitely certain of my information," said Trustee Mrs. Ada Courtice last night, when asked if she knew who advised Miss Feida Held to resign from Carlton school before the investigation into her alleged anti-British attitude and teaching had been concluded.

"Yes, I believe Miss Held would return to her former duties if asked, but she is not inclined, I think, to force herself," answered Mrs. Courtice, when further questioned. "To my mind she is a very high-principled woman and while at the Hamilton Normal School took the full course, she was not obliged to. She was chosen there to represent her fellow-students at the world's missionary conference, and was always considered, not only a womanly woman, but a person of high educational qualifications."

Trustee Mrs. Courtice is agitating further inquiry into Miss Held's case, and during an interview yesterday said: "I learned some facts since Friday and I am going on finding out what I can. There has apparently been no dissatisfaction with Miss Held's teaching or attitude on the part of the parents, and the children have been asking continually when Miss Held is coming back to her class again, and it was of their own free will that the parents suggested getting up a petition. My object for instituting a further investigation is twofold: First, in fairness and justice to Miss Held, a deputation came to me on Saturday in their anxiety that Miss Held be given a further chance to clear herself and that has strengthened my purpose. Secondly, my object is to remove the stigma that we on the board will have to take, if we blindly pass on things we know nothing about. The trustees, as a whole, did not know and do not know the facts of this case, and by accepting her resignation we may have the stigma attached to us of having dealt most unjustly with one of our board's employees. We want to know what we are doing."

W. O. McTaggart, chairman of the management committee, would have nothing to say, further than that as Miss Held's resignation had been accepted by the board she was no longer one of their employees and he would have no more to do with the case.

Dr. G. J. Steele, chairman of the board of education, stated that he had heard nothing further since Miss Held's resignation had been accepted at the board meeting last Thursday, and that nothing more could be done unless the subject was introduced at a board meeting by one of the trustees.

The parents of some of the pupils in Miss Held's room are advocating that a petition be sent to the board asking that she be reinstated.

## SYSTEMATIC WORK ASSURED FOR TODAY

Campaign Launched by the Women Confident of Big Success.

WORKERS' DISTRICTS

Attractive Feature Will Be the Gifts From the Children.

Hectic excitement and the tip-top of expectation regarding the success of the big campaign to be launched today marked the atmosphere in which the women workers met yesterday at campaign headquarters.

Tapping of hammers, ringing of phones, clerks busy at many desks, calls from every angle, ticking of typewriters, enquiries from schools and hospitals, men and women waiting like a head line to interview Mrs. Plumtree, these were among the things that heralded the systematic work that is assured for the campaign.

As a result of all this activity it is a



THE NEWEST IN STRAW HATS.

Already are the straw hats on show. Of course, they are for the woman who is going to a southern beach resort.

Needless to say, it is rather early to elaborate on the forthcoming styles and shapes, as most of the large millinery houses are preparing surprises in the headgear field for the coming straw season.

However, one very new model designed for northern wear, was of black straw faced with old blue taffeta. The brim was quite large in front.

foregone conclusion that things never before ran so smoothly or that results will be as generous and encouraging as during the next three days. Every cog and wheel in place, every bit of machinery has been given its allotted position, and today nothing remains except to follow plans laid down when everything will work on schedule time, and it is anticipated that with the co-operation of housewives everywhere the campaign at noon today will have the most enthusiastic report ever recorded in Toronto.

There is an undercurrent in the air which seems to indicate that the collections this year will surpass even the most sanguine expectation. The women's objective is to raise half a million. Hope says that this amount may even be surpassed.

Invitations have been sent out by the school committee of which Mrs. Van Koughnet is the convenor, to the heads of all educational institutions, ecclesiastical dignitaries and trustees, to attend the ceremonies in connection with the offering of the gifts from the children, which promise to be one of the most important and attractive features of the campaign. Lady Hendrie has graciously consented to be present to accept the offerings as they are brought in by the various school representatives.

WILL BE GIVEN TEA.

Workers from Sir Henry Pellatt Chapter, I.O.D.E., Mrs. Ambrose Small, regent, will be served with tea every afternoon during the patriotic and Red Cross campaign at the headquarters of the district, 572 West Bloor street. Mrs. W. A. Kavanagh, convenor of the working circle, will be hostess.

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## Estate Notices.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS—IN THE Matter of the Estate of Lillian Mary Findlay, Late of the City of Toronto, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the statutes in that behalf, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above-named Lillian Mary Findlay, who died on or about the 16th day of September, 1917, at Toronto, are required to send by post prepaid or if any held by them, and after the said 8th day of February, 1918, the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets of the said deceased, if any, held by them, after the said 8th day of February, 1918.

CHARLES FINDLAY, Administrator, 188 Rixton road, Toronto. By James P. Goughlin, 28 Adelaide street west, Toronto, his solicitor.

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## PARLIAMENT BUILDING, OTTAWA.

Tenders Wanted for Elevators and Hoist Equipment.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until noon, February 3, 1918, for the Elevators and Hoist Equipment required in the reconstruction of the above building.

All tenders to be based on the execution, erection and completion, together with the furnishing of all material, tools, appliances, labor, etc., as required and described by the Plans and Specifications for Elevators and Hoist Equipment.

The work of this contract shall be proceeded with immediately upon the signing of the same and continued as directed, in such a manner as to insure the completion thereof by December 31, 1918. Plans and Specifications, and any other information required can be obtained at the office of the General Contractor, P. Lyall & Sons Construction Company, Limited, Ottawa.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, for a sum not less than five per cent. (5 per cent.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the parties tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned. If the tender is accepted an additional cheque for a sum equivalent to five per cent. (5 per cent.) of the amount of the tender must be deposited before the contract is signed. The total security will be forfeited if the contractor fails to complete the work contracted for.

Certificates of payment shall be issued monthly as the work progresses, and shall not exceed in the aggregate ninety per cent. (90 per cent.) of the value of the labor and material furnished and set out in the work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Envelopes containing tenders to be marked, Tender for Elevators and Hoist Equipment, and addressed to the undersigned.

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Dated at Toronto this 22nd day of January, A. D. 1918.

P. M. HURLEY, Executors Oliver Goodman estate, 167 Bay street, Toronto, Ont.

NEW KNITTING SKIRT.

There's a new "knitting skirt" slim New York girls are wearing under their long coats which has a broad pocket across each hip, one to carry the knitting in and the other for the extra wool.

Queen Alexandra recently unveiled a crucifix in the courtyard of St. John's Church, Waterloo road, London, S.E., given by the nurses in memory of men who have died of wounds in King George's Hospital.