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PEOPLE OF TO-DAY

A Canadian Suffragette

THERE was in attendance at the Quinquennial Congress of the International Council of Women a real, live suffragette—one of the "Votes for women or fight" kind. Miss Mary Keegan, for such is the name of the militant advocate, has three claims to distinction; she is a play-writer, a suffragette, and a native of Hamilton, Ont. She is an active member of the Women's Social and Political Association of England; in fact, so active a member that she can show a photograph of herself in prison garb, the result of participating in the late suffragette demonstrations in England. Although her visit to Canada is not as a representative of the society of which she is a member but she is quietly doing considerable educational work here in the interests of woman suffrage.

Miss Keegan is a vivacious and voluble talker and ardently advocates the extension of the suffrage to women. In Canada she admits she has found no organisations favouring the use of the strenuous and coercive tactics of some of their English sisters, but she has come in contact with various equal suffrage associations pursuing more peaceful methods. She claims that the aim and character of the English woman suffrage agitation is not understood here and considers it her mission to present them in their true light.

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A Canadian Golf Champion

MR. EDWARD LEGGE has been in this country just six months—merely long enough for most old countrymen to become acclimatised—and yet this young man is already a Canadian champion. He walked away with the leading honours at the Dominion Golf Association tournament in Toronto last week. The phenomenon of the Scotchman was so sudden that the native "putters" sought an explanation. He divulged the fact that in old Aberdeen he became acquainted with the links at about the age when our lads are playing marbles. He had had more practice than our fellows. In this country, golfing privileges are so horribly exclusive that by the time a chap scrapes up the price to buy the requisite clubs and an expensive membership ticket, his hand is not nearly so steady, nor his eye so clear, as they might have been in the hey-day of youth.

Mr. Legge's athletic propensities were cultivated in the main at Aberdeen University. In his freshman year there, he captured the North of Scotland Golf Championship. During his senior years he was prominent as an executive officer, occupying the important positions of secretary of the Scottish Universities Athletic Club, secretary of Aberdeen College Athletic Association, and president of North of Scotland Football Club. Mr. Legge has taken up residence at Toronto, where he is connected professionally with the well-known law firm of which the Minister of Justice is the head.

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A Man of Letters

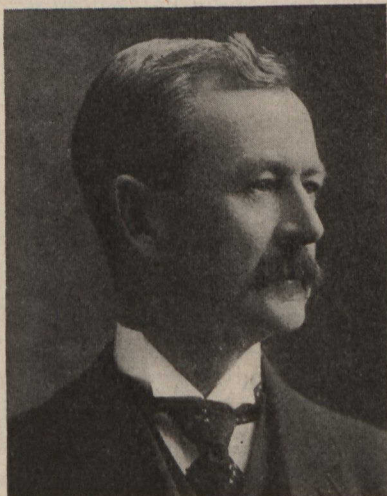
HAMILTON seems to be a post-office centre. Just the other day the oldest postmaster in Canada, Mr. Adam Brown, celebrated a birthday. It was near Hamilton that the first rural mail delivery went into operation. Now Mr. George Ross, a Hamiltonian by birth, has been



Miss Mary Keegan,
A Canadian Suffragette in Prison Dress.



Legge and Moss.
The Golf Champion and the Runner-up.



Mr. M. J. Butler, I.S.O.,
Member of the Intercolonial Commission.



Mr. George Ross, I.S.O.,
Chief Post Office Supt. for Canada

elevated to be a Companion Imperial Service Order by the King — which may or may not make Mr. Ross a better post-office official, though that is by no means necessary, for Mr. Ross has for years been one of the ablest post-office organisers in Canada. It was in June, 1875, that Mr. Ross went into post-office work—in Hamilton, where he became a fourth class clerk. Seven years ago he was made Chief Post-Office Superintendent for Canada. That position he still holds. At the time of the appointment of Mr. Rogers, the present postmaster at Toronto, there was a good deal of newspaper agitation on behalf of Mr. Ross on the ground of long public service, industry and reliability. Mr. Ross had indeed strong personal claims on the position. He is out and out a post-office man; one who takes the transmission and delivery of the mails as seriously as some men do the building of railways. He is a hard worker and an up-to-date man. It was he who worked hardest to establish rural mail delivery—which up to the present, however, has been somewhat of a phantom thing. It was he who suggested the militia post-office at the training camps so happily carried out this year.

In the greystone, somewhat classic building at the head of Toronto Street in Toronto, Mr. Ross is the busiest man of all. He has a large family, most of whom he has brought up in that building. During his career in the post-office business he has seen most of the great changes that have come over the transmission and delivery of the mails. In 1874, when he entered the service, there were fewer letters mailed in all the cities and towns of Canada than there are mailed now in the city of Toronto alone. There was then no free delivery of letters—a system which is now in vogue in almost every Canadian city of over ten thousand population. There were no two-cent stamps. Imperial penny postage did not come till twenty years after Mr. Ross entered the service. In that time also the post-office savings bank has been developed into one of the strongest economic institutions in the country. The postal note and money order system has been extended and made more and more elastic, so that the sending of money by registered mail is now no longer necessary, though still practised. Registration has been simplified. The classification of things sent by mail has been made complete. Department stores have aided in the extension of this branch of the service. Special delivery stamps have been inaugurated. Typewriters have decreased the bulk and multiplied the number of letters. The stamping-machine has been brought into use. Letter carriers have had their pay increased. Postmasters-General have come and gone—just who was the P. M. G. when Mr. Ross entered the post-

office is not clearly remembered, but he has seen whole dynasties of them come and go; has seen the department and portfolio of labour grow out of the post-office department at Ottawa, and the publication of the *Labour Gazette*, which, however, pays no postage. In short, Mr. Ross has seen so much of the post-office in thirty-five years that life to him has become just one long letter — plus now the letters tacked onto his name.

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Honour and Work

ON grounds of sterling efficiency no man in Canada is better entitled to recognition by the King with the companionship of the Imperial Service Order than Mr. M. J. Butler, member of the Inter-