

I urge you all to agitate for a reform of this unfair law.

I consider that the province owes me a living for the balance of my days.

New Westminster Columbian.

PLAY THE WOMEN FAIR.

In another paper there is a little account of an uprising among the women teachers of Calgary's schools, who very naturally want equal pay with men when their work is equally hard, equally well done. One of them, in an open letter, says that the equal wage for teaching profession is not the only one where salaries are paid according to sex and not according to merit. With very occasional exceptions the wage scale for women is appreciably lower than that for men in every calling, the reason for the difference never being made quite clear. Women, very often, through this very discrepancy, are forced to do equal work with man plus anxiety caused by financial straits and energy and time in contriving to make both ends meet. The law of supply and demand is said by some to be responsible for this. Others will tell you that the woman is an effervescent quality—here today and gone into matrimony tomorrow, and that it would be no use offering her a better salary with a view to retaining her permanently. The excuses for the unequal wage are none of them on a sounder ethical basis than those I have named.

The facts seem to be that men, realizing that a woman is less inclined to pull up stakes and move than a man, that she is averse to fighting for her dues, and that she is less likely to scamp her work because of poor pay than many men, keep her salary down while they demand that she keep her work up.

More power to the elbow of the Calgary school teachers. May they go in and win, and help to square the unequal wage scale for other callings as well.—Con.

MISS WYLLY COMING TO B. C.

Miss Wyll^{ly}, the noted militant suffragette, sent out from England to visit Canada, is turning her eyes westward and purposes visiting Vancouver, New Westminster, and Victoria in the near future. She is not coming under the auspices of the Political Equality League or any other organization of which we are aware. Neither does she, we understand, intend to recommend militant methods in Canada. There is, however, centred around her a great deal of interest, expectancy and curiosity, for everyone is wondering just just what she will say and what be left unsaid.

IN SASKATCHEWAN.

In the Legislature in Saskatchewan Mr. J. E. Bradshaw, Conservative member for Prince Albert, made a vigorous speech in favor of votes for women. He said the Government of that Province had never lagged behind in initiating legislation, which, even although it might be new in principle, was calculated to be in the interest of the people, and consequently that woman's suffrage was a matter which the House might well take into serious consideration. He believed that the franchise for women would go far toward correcting the election scandals, of which so much has been heard of late. Canadians, he said, must not be too hasty in condemning the methods forwarded by the English suffragettes.

THE MONTH OF INTEREST.

January is a month full of interest to the Citizen. The annual Civic elections take place, and the yearly session if the local Legislative Assembly is opened.

With the approach of the municipal elections, we have to wonder how long the women householders of Victoria