

stead laws are concerned, if you have any representations which you would like us to consider, we should be very glad to receive them in writing.

Miss Barrett: I merely mentioned these laws as an illustration.

Mr. Borden: As you mentioned them I thought they were worthy of observation. You have made a contrast between the conditions in Canada and in Australia and New Zealand. I am not prepared to discuss that subject. We have endeavored to make our laws in Canada fair so far as it has been possible to do so, so far as our liberties have allowed, and we have no doubt that the people in Australia and New Zealand have done the same. An allusion has been made to emigration. I have a little to say with regard to that. If it seems good to your Society or to any other Society in Great Britain to give advice on that subject, that really is your own responsibility and your own matter. We shall endeavor to deal with our own affairs in Canada, according to what seems to us just and equitable, and the responsibility for any action which you may take in that regard will be your own and not ours.

A Statement of Fact.

As to the suggestion that you may employ in Canada, or may advise the women in Canada to employ what you deem "militancy," I do not know whether I am to consider that a threat or not.

Miss Barrett: A mere statement of fact.

Mr. Borden: My course in public life has been in the past, and I hope always will be in the future, to do what I deem to be right in the interests of the people as a whole, and any suggestion of that kind would not have the slightest effect upon me.

Miss Barrett: I think it should have.

Mr. Borden: I am perfectly willing to listen to reason and to arguments, and to weigh them with the greatest possible care.

Miss Barrett: We pointed out that

these things have happened in this country on account of the unstatesmanlike attitude of the Government of this country, and I venture to hope that after this deputation you will have seen that it is on their shoulders that the responsibility rests for them having taken place. Like causes produce like effects. That responsibility will rest upon you in Canada.

Miss Barrett then reminded Mr. Borden that he had not answered the question that the deputation had waited upon him to ask.

"If you do alter the general franchise law in Canada will you alter it so as to include women on equal terms with men?" she asked.

Mr. Borden: That is a matter to which we shall give our earnest consideration.

Miss Barrett then thanked Mr. Borden for receiving the deputation but said emphatically that his reply had not been satisfactory. The deputation then withdrew.

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Suffragette—What is a party without women?"

Mere Man (flippantly)—A stag party.
Suffragette—Exactly. And what would this nation be without women but stagnation?—Christian Register.