Woman Suffrage Victory in India.

MAHOMMEDAN WOMEN ENFRANCHISED.

You will be glad to know that South India has taken a great step towards democracy. Last Friday, April 1, the Madras Legislative Council passed a resolution giving equal suffrage to women of the Madras Presidency. A great deal of work had been done by the women previous to this, and notification of the resolution was made early in February by the mover, Rao Bahadur M. Krishnan Nair. The resolution was as follows:—"This Council recommends to the Government that the sex disqualification prescribed in sub-clause (b) of clause (1) in Rule 7 of the Madras Electoral Rules for registration on the electoral roll be removed in regard of women and that the qualifications which entitle men to vote be made applicable to women."

From this time a great educational campaign was begun in Madras, led by the Women's Indian Association. The meetings in the Georgetown district were specially enthusiastic, the women there not considering the vote sufficient but wanting to be allowed to stand for the Legislative Councils. One woman even suggested that if the resolution did not get through the Council the women of Madras should immediately start militant methods! In the provincial districts also several meetings were held and resolutions passed asking that the sex disqualification should be removed and the Krishnan Nair resolution passed. A letter was sent by the W.I.A., signed by representative women, to all the Council members asking them to support the resolution and also various deputations were arranged to meet the members of the Cabinet. The first one was to the Hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Sastri, Minister for Law. After him the Hon. Rao Bahadur K. Venkata Reddi Naidu, Minister for Development, and later the other two Ministers also received a deputation. It was interesting to notice the difference in the reception of our deputations here from the way the Suffrage deputations were received in England. There hordes of police came out to prevent the women approaching the Minister and the women were arrested and thrown into prison. Here, in India, everything was done to make easy for the members of the deputation, the Ministers receiving us with the utmost courtesy and earnestly asking questions to gain the women's point of view. After the business of the deputation, refreshments were offered to the members! We also received an invitation to visit the Cosmopolitan Club, which is the chief lady's club in Madras, where reside many of the Council members. We met there and met many of the members of the Legislative Council and they asked us questions and presented their difficulties. We had a long and most interesting and instructive conversation. Private members, of course, were also interviewed and asked to support the resolution when it came up. I wrote a short pamphlet refuting all the anti-suffrage arguments quite briefly, which was given to every member, and it was interesting to visit the Council Chamber to see this little brief pamphlet everywhere in the House, and members sitting in the Chamber reading it!

We did not find very much serious opposition. There was a great deal of interest shown, especially as it is a new thing for women in modern times to go forward and definitely take an active part in asking for some reform of this sort.

On the day of the debate a large number of women assembled in the Council Chamber. Two galleries in the best position in the House were reserved by the President of the Council for the use of women only. The debate lasted two hours and a half, and most excellent speeches were delivered. It is a splendid victory for Madras women and we are very proud of our girls here to be the first Presidency to grant the suffrage to women. We always felt convinced that the Indian Legislative Councils would, on being asked, without much opposition accord suffrage to women. There is very little opposition here in India to women obtaining anything if they really want it. Of course, there are customs and prejudices to be overcome and many reforms needed; but if once a woman demands that something shall be done, that thing is done. I do not think that the men of India will oppose any demand for progress on the part of women, if they once really asked for it. We hope that the Bombay Presidency will also give the suffrage to women during the next weather session at Poona. The Resolution was brought up a short time ago in Bombay; but a clause was introduced asking that women should be Legislative Councillors. But as the Councils have no power to do this, the Resolution had to be declared out of order. I think that there is no doubt that next time the Resolution is brought up it will pass.

In the Purdah district of India matters will not be quite so easy as there is no demand on the part of the women for it yet great and the leading women in many of them working in the Non-Cooperation movement. In three Indian States the suffrage has already been given to women. In Travancore, one of the most important of the Indian States, in Cochin, also an important Native State, women are going to be admitted to the Legislative Councils, in addition to their being enfranchised. The smaller State of Jahalwar has also enfranchised the women. So we are now in South India in a better condition than what you are in England, as here we have equality in the franchise with men and in England you are still suffering from limitations. This rather explodes one of the old arguments that was once used in England against giving the English women the vote that the people of India would not tolerate that women send representatives to the House of Commons which governs India.")

DOROTHY JINARAJADASA.

Adyar, April, 1921.

SERGEANTS' MESS TO MEET.—The Sergeants Mess of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment will meet in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms to-night when the arrangements in connection with the erection of the Sergeants Memorial will be discussed.

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LADIES' KID OXFORDS—Broadway Kid Laced Shoes; aluminum plated spool heel; pointed toe. Regular $10.00. Friday, Saturday & Monday **$7.19**

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High Grade Hosiery in every wanted shade as well as Black; Lisle top, toe and heel and lustrous fibre silk leg. Values to $1.20. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. **89c.**

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EMBROIDERED TEA CLOTHS—Handsome English White Linen Tea Cloths, in a generous size; heavy raised embroideringS and open work and drawn thread border. A worthy gift. Regular $3.80. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$3.25**

LACE TRIMMED SIDEBOARD CLOTHS — Beautiful looking Cloths, heavily trimmed with lace and large lace insertion, medallion centre, embroidered also. Reg. $1.80. Friday, Saturday & Monday **$1.39**

BATTENBURG DUCHESS SETS—A delightful gift for the bride, handsome 4-piece Duchess Sets; deep point finish and openwork centre. Reg. $1.60. Friday, Saturday and Monday... **$1.32**

EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES—These are extra strong and show a neat embroidered band and hemstitching at the open end. Give her a pair for a wedding gift. Reg. 90c. each. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. .. **78c.**

FRILLED PILLOW CASES—Something she would welcome, good looking and serviceable Pillow Cases, dainty with embroidering and hemstitched frill. Reg. $1.35 each. Friday, Saturday and Monday.. .. .. **$1.05**

EMBROIDERED PILLOW SHAMS—See these very dainty looking English White Linen Shams, wide hemstitched edge and a very general show of artistic designs embroidered all over it. Reg. $1.60. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$1.39**

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Three Lines of Men's Waterproofs

MEN'S WATERPROOFS — These are very neat looking in Fawn shade; perfect rain-shedders; simple style, with strap cuff. Reg. $25.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday.. **$14.00**

MEN'S WATERPROOFS — Men's English Waterproofs, storm collar, strap cuffs; really a dependable Coat for wet weather. Reg. $26.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday.. **$18.00**

MEN'S CASHMERE SOCKS—Fine Black Cashmere Socks, plain finish, spliced heel and toe. Value for 80c. pair. Friday, Sat. & Monday Special.. **50c.**

MEN'S WATERPROOF COATS — Fawn shade, strap cuffs, belted at waist; a real service-giving Waterproof. Regular $13.00. Friday, Saturday & Monday **$9.50**

ROWE'S CORD AND WHISTLE—For Boys' Sailor Suits; knotted White Cord and Bosun's Whistle. Friday, Saturday & Monday.. .. .. .. **85c.**

MEN'S DANCING SHOES — All Patent Leather Shoes with plain corded black bow front; dressy. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$4.90**

CARRY-ALL and RUG STRAPS—Double Straps with curved steel handle; keeps everything secure. 75c. value. Friday, Saturday & Monday.. .. .. **65c.**

MEN'S WORKING SHIRTS—Light and dark striped Cotton Tweed Working Shirts, with collar and pocket; made in fulll fitting sizes.. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$2.25**

MEN'S LACED SHOES—Black Vici Kid Oxfords; shapely, comfortable and kid lined; all sizes. Friday, Saturday & Monday **$4.85**

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS—Strong White Cotton Pocket Handkerchiefs, plain edge. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. .. **2 for 25c.**

You Will Find the Following Values in Our SHOWROOM for FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY

Bungalow Aprons

Aprons with a generous spread, elastic at waist, square neck, short sleeves, light and dark stripe patterns, plain linen facings. Reg. $3.30. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$2.49**

COLD CREAM—Cucumber Cold Cream and Vanishing Cream in glass jars, with metal top; high-grade. Regular 80c. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. **69c.**

LADIES' LAWN KNICKERS—White Lawn Knickers, wide legged, embroidery trimmed, hemstitched; open and closed; all sizes. Reg. $1.50. Friday, Saturday and Mon. **$1.19**

LADIES' VESTS—White, fine ribbed Jersey with lace front straps; perfect garments; sizes 38 to 44. Reg. 70c. value. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. **58c.**

HAIR SWITCHES—Real Hair Switches, in assorted shades of Brown, Light, Medium and Dark; large and full Switches. Reg. $3.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$2.59**

CHILDREN'S IMITATION PANAMA HATS—Assorted shapes and sizes, in pretty Hats for Summer time; bags and streamer trimmings; roll brim shape. Reg. $1.20. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. **98c.**

CHILDREN'S COATS—In Stripe Serge, with Saxe Blue button hole edging and embroideringS; dressy and serviceable; sizes to fit 4 to 8 years; belted waist. Regular $4.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$2.98**

CHILDREN'S SILK-RIBBED PANTS—Fine texture Silk-ribbed Underpants to fit 4 to 12 years; knee length, closed. Reg. 75c. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. **57c.**

CRIMSON TAFFETA RIBBONS for JUNE

RED RIBBONS FOR JUNE—Brilliant Silk Taffeta Ribbons for June month; 5½ inches wide; assorted Reds. Reg. 80c. yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. .. **59c.**

BIAS SEAM TAPE—Busy Bee Bias Tape in 4 yard lengths; suitable for Underwear, Pillow Cases and innumerable other uses; assorted widths; Black and White. Friday, Saturday and Monday, 3 pieces for **25c.**

CHILDREN'S WASH DRESSES—Pretty little Cotton Dresses in assorted sizes; square neck, short sleeves, belt and pockets and white pipings; assorted shades. Reg. 90c. Friday, Saturday and Monday **68c.**

SALE OF BOYS' SUMMER WASH SUITS

BOYS' WASH SUITS—See the pretty styles in Sailor and Buster Brown; others in Jumper style; in plain and striped Linens; to fit from 3 to 8 years. Reg. up to $3.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$2.39**

MORE WASH SUITS—A special 3 dozen lot, showing pretty Sailor and Mdidy styles; mostly striped and some in plain, with white facings. Reg. $3.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$2.89**

BOYS' GINGHAM OVERALLS—Blue and White Striped Gingham Overalls, patch pockets, shoulder straps; real good washing Gingham; assorted sizes. Reg. $1.40. Friday, Saturday & Monday **$1.15**

BOYS' BALBRIGGAN UNDERWEAR—Cream Balbriggan Undershirts and Pants for boys; sizes from 28 to 34. Friday, Saturday and Monday, per garment .. .. **67c.**

BOYS' WATERPROOFS—Fawn shade, storm collar, vertical pockets, strap cuffs; to fit 10 to 16 years. Special Friday, Saturday & Monday **$2.50**

BOYS' SCHOOL CAPS—Navy Eton shape Caps with coloured stripe crowns; reall Schoop Caps, in all sizes. Reg. 60c. Friday, Saturday & Monday .. .. **49c.**

BOYS' FELT HATS—In assorted shades, mushroom shape; double banded crown; smart for little chaps. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$2.39**

BOYS' TAN BOOTS—With solid leather soles and heels; finest grade Tan Vici Kid vamps and uppers; laced style; sizes 1 to 5. Special. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$4.90**

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Vital Statistics.

City of St. John's—Within the Limits

Total number of Births for month of May, 1921 10

Total number of Deaths for month of May, 1921 3

Deaths under one year 1

Cause:—

Bronchitis 1
Prematurity 1
Congenital Debility 1
3

Deaths under one year 1

Cause:—

Whooping Cough 1
Intestinal Toxaemia 1
Meningitis 1
Convulsions 1
Gastro Enteritis 1
Spina Bifida 1
Marasmus 1
8

Deaths under one to five years .. 2

Cause:—

General Tuberculosis 1
Broncho-Pneumonia 1
Marasmus 1
3

Deaths from five years and over 21

Cause:—

Typhoid Fever 1
Diphtheria 2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis 4
Phthisis 1
Tuberculous Peritonitis 1
Arteriosclerosis 1
Cerebral Thrombosis 1
Myocarditis 1
Organic Heart Disease 2
Bronchitis 1
Senility 4
General Debility 1
Cardiac Failure 1
21

Comparative Statement.

Year	1919	1920	1921
Total number of Births for month of May	114	120	105
Total number of Deaths for month of May	56	41	35
Deaths under 1 month	8	3	3
Deaths under one year	7	1	8
Deaths from one to five years	5	1	3
Deaths from five years and over	36	36	21

W. J. MARTIN,
Registrar General.

June 1, 1921.

Express Passengers.

The following passengers were on the express which left Port aux Basques yesterday morning after the arrival of the Kyle and which reached town early this afternoon:—Mrs. H. L. Chancey and five children, Mrs. H. Giovanetti and two children, W. March, J. B. Mennie, A. S. and Mrs. Attershelf and daughter, J. H. Basha, S. Young, W. Spurrell, Miss J. Cogan, H. H. and Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. H. Walsh, Mrs. T. Combs, Mrs. R. Turner, Miss E. Hedde, Mrs. J. Manley, Miss S. Manley, Mrs. J. Wills, Mrs. E. Canning.

Boat Club Dance.

The Dance held last night by the C.C.C. Boat Club in the C.C.C. Hall, was a most enjoyable affair. The music was provided by the C.C.C. Band under Capt. A. Bulley, and was excellent, all the latest dance airs being played in the splendid manner for which the Band is noted. Several sailors from U.S.S. Breckinridge put in appearance during the evening and whilst the supper interval was on greatly entertained those present with impromptu renderings of the latest American "Rags." A very fine supper was provided by the lady friends of the Boat Club and with the exception of the interval, for this, dancing continued from 9 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. when the National Anthem brought the affair to a close.

Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

THE GOLFER AND HIS CADDIE.

It was a little caddie boy one pleasant summer day
Who drew a well known business man to bear his clubs away,
And oh, the little lad was proud to think that through the game
He'd be a partner of a man so widely known to fame.

The man was noted in the press, and many a tiny Tim
Would dream the pleasant dreams of youth when he would be like him,
And likewise did this caddie boy who thought from him he'd learn
The way to make a great success when it should come his turn.

The business man was off his game, it grieves me sore to say,
He was not honest with himself nor with the boy that day;
He nagged and cursed the little chap until his heart was sad,
And roundly blamed him every time a shot he made was bad.

He did not truly count his score, nor fairly play the game,
The boy discovered he was false, despite his business fame,
And when the boy got home that night, he said in manner grim:
"I hope when I grow up I won't be anything like him."

Oh man, if you would know yourself and get an' honest view,
Go out and learn just what it is your caddie thinks of you.
The sign of shame is on your brow, to stay forevermore,
If you're the kind of man the boys don't want to caddie for.

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