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Woman Suffrage Turned Down

Messrs Jennings and Guppy Fathers of the "Hoist" Motion -- Government Members Vote Solidly Against the Measure.

The House met at 3.45 p.m. hich he claimed should be amended promised in Mr. Squires' manifesto. was deferred and Protection of to handle such subjects. nimals Bill was read a second time. Minister of Finance Brownrigg gave pinted out it was intended to allow vileges was a splendid one. he use of lists used before, with certill to-day but not before both had own they were not unacquainted months. ith the Bill and had scathingly refuthis statement that they only intendobstruction. The Bill might easily we been introduced the previous day the Bill. it was only that the principle of te thing might be considered that tponement was asked for.

Mr. C. J. Fox (St. John's East) movthe second reading of the Women's frage Bill, outlining the principle and need for such a law. The honble member's speech was both elo-

and justice. They are entitled to that right exactly as are men. No argument Petitions were presented by Messrs. is advanced against the principle. Lots bott, Walsh and Sullivan, the latter of cant is. We must regard women as r modification of the Prohibition Act co-workers. They obey the same laws as we, pay taxes, fulfil the duties of citizenship the same, and are withal Walsh in support feit the petitions unrepresented in the House of Assemover 13,000 people should be taken | bly. We pay much attention to matters The Maintenance of Public of material moment but are absent when matters of moral importance re-Commemoration Day and Local ceive consideration. It is because we fairs Bills went through Committee. do not know how to discuss them. The Elections in the Present Year women do. They should be the ones

Mr. J. R. MacDonnell (St. George's) supported the second reading of the cice of supply to-day. In dealing Bill, considering that the suggestion with the Eelections Bill Mr. Squires that women be entitled to voting pri-

Mr. W. B. Jennings (Twillingate) in amendments in the Bay de Verde opposed the measure on the plea that ction. At request of Messrs. Cashin he had had no request to support it and Higgins he finally agreed to defer from his district, and moved the amendment that it be deferred for six

Mr. John Guppy (Trinity) seconded the amendment.

Mr. P. Moore (Ferryland) supported

Mr. Fox said that he was not surprised at the attitude of the Government in opposing the Bill, and Messrs Jennings and Guppy had played their part as had been expected of them.

Two other members of the Government who had previously supported the Bill now refrained from attendance nt and unanswerable. To give New- and he wondered if it were deliberateadland's women the privilege to ly. He had not thought Mr. Jennings te is not a courtesy. It is only right would play the part he did, but was

giad to see that he and Mr. Guppy so clearly displayed their dependent position when the voice higher up says "jump." He was sorry that the lack of independence on the Government side did not allow more to favor the Bill. It was certainly in keeping with Liberal Reform when they would not support the greatest reform movement ever brought before the Government. Mr. Jennings would like people to think he did not disagree with the principle but was still weakkneed enough not to see it through and was contradicted by his own argument. Agreement with a principle necossitates seeing it passed and no argument could be adduced for the six months' hoist which in other words meant the measure was of no importance and the Government had no time to deal with it. Only 6 or 8 hours altogether, however, were spent in legislation last week when the Act could have easily been passed. There is no time! Could hypocrisy go further. Do the Government think the people are blind? He had always thought the preelection protestations of reform inout fully realized it now. Th day will come when the Government will rue their attitude. He had no: thought that the Prime Minister was so blind to his public destinies as to say NO to the request of the wome of the country and tie the knot tha will hang him on the political gallow: of Newfoundland. The day was comin when those, now deliberately insulted would have power placed in their hands and he able to be revenged or those who denied them their reason able demands.

Does Mr. Jennings think the women

mand without his consent or that the Lady Harris Opens country must do without the vote because he was not consulted. It was only burking the issue when he played the part he was told to. As to Mr. Guppy, he had given no reasons for his conduct and Mr. Fox would not cross swords with him. The vote for women is bound to come as sure as that we got responsible government.

Mr. A. Targett stated that he was not lead in anything by the Prime Minister. "Of course not." retorted Mr Fox. "Everybody knows that Mr. Coaker is boss."

Mr. Targett went on to say that he intended to vote for the measure, and

The Prime Minister declared that Mr. Fox had made the measure a party one, and that his remarks anent the absence of Messrs. Small and LeGrow were dirty and insinuating.

Mr. Fox flatly refuted the imputation pointing out that Mr. Squires was misconstruing his statement from a query as to their absence into a definite charge. He had not said they stayed away deliberately but asked did they. He had not said Government members were a mass of hypocrisy but that their action was hypocritical.

The Prime Minister stated that, as far as he was aware, no one had asked Mr. Jennings or Mr. Guppy to oppose the Bill and no arrangement had been made by the Government. The suggestion that the Government had decided to oppose the measure was

Mr Fox: "I was informed vesterday by a Government member that it would be given the 'six montus

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Warren, considered the time inopportune to introduce it.

Mr. W. J. Higgins (St. John's East) could not appreciate the excuses for lelaying the Bill. The matter was now in the House for discussion, and the only thing to be decided was whether or not the principle was right. If it was right now it would be right six months hence.

Mr. Jennings said that he had not been told to oppose it and asked Mr. Fox to retract his statement. He had volunteered to move the amendment.

Mr. Fox accepted the statement, particularly as, he pointed out, Mr. Jennings had confirmed his belief of the opposition being arranged because unless it was discussed how could Mr. Jennings volunteer for the work. The latter affirmed his belief in women having the vote to which Mr. Fox retorted he should give proof of his principles.

Mr. Walsh considered that the opposition to the Bill was nonsensical and it should be dealt with at once.

Mr. Sullivan wished to consult his constituents on the measure and felt that it should have been introduced earlier. He hoped to see it go to committee. The measure was defeated by a party vote of 13 to 9, the Government voting solidly against it.

nany ladies present expressed their lisgust of the Government's tactics with unmistakable emphasis.

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Child Welfare Centre.

The following address was delivered by Lady Harris, wife of His Excellency the Governor, at the opening of the Child Welfare Centre at St. John's, which ceremony took place 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the offices of the Board of Health, Duckworth St. LADY HARRIS.—This is a great

event! The opening of our first Centre in Child Welfare work. I think I may say "first" because certainly it is the first effort of the Women's Patriotic Association in this direction. But just before I came down here I received a letter from Miss Kendall in which she states that a Child Welfare Centre was opened here two years ago and would have been better if my attention had been called to it. At any rate I gladly open this present Centre. May it be the forerunner of further developments and good for the mothers and children of the Colony.

We have to thank Miss Haslam and throughout shown his sympathy with disheartening response to brave efble little Army' throw back the Ger- feeding at regular times, plenty of showing.

man hordes at Mons and the Marne. We who are out to better the conditions of things want all the encouragement and inspiration we can get. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Dr. Fraser, Dr. Rendell, Dr. Fallon, Dr. Macpherson and Dr. John Murphy, who have all been most kind in giving their help and encouragement in our Child Welfare work, either in one branch of it or another. We appreciate and value their co-op eration very much and I know there are other medical men in this city who have also shown their interest and sympathy with us, but whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting.

And now Mothers, I want to say just

a few words to you. You and your children will always find a welcome and more than a welcome, at this Centre, or any other Centre we may start has been running ever since. If so, it in the future; the object of these Centres is to help mothers and those who are hoping to be mothers, with advice regarding the health, management, food and clothing of their babies. The mothers who wish it will have the chance of consulting a doctor at the Centre regarding her own or her Miss Kendall for their efforts in child's health; she can come and bringing this about and we owe a debt have a friendly chat and rest with of gratitude to Dr. Brehm who has Miss Haslam or the nurses, have s cup of tea and be relieved of her baby us in as practical a way as was in his for a time (for we have kind volunpower. Social development is uphill tary helpers who will take charge of work and the spirits sometimes flag, the babies, to rest a tired mother) and no wonder when they come up when I return from England in Sepagainst walls of pessimism and the tember, we will have a 'Baby Show' and prizes for the 2 best babies: but forts. You will never succeed and no remember, it is not always the fattest one will attend your meetings. It was baby that is the healthiest! The baby not in this spirit that the 'contempti- with nice firm flesh, showing wise

fresh air, and sleep, and opportunity to kick its little limbs freely and so strengthen its muscles, is the haby that will come out on top.

Personal.

Mrs. (Constable) J. Simmonds and Mrs. N. H. Goss left by yesterday's express for Halifax and New York on

Mr. John Mercer, watchmaker and photographer of Bay Roberts is at present in the city.

Mr. Raymond Harvey, brother of the late Hon. John Harvey, and who has been here on business, leaves on Sunday en route to New York. While here Mr. Harvey renewed old acquaintanceship with many.

ager of the Bank of Montreal, Curling. the past three years has been given few days. All who have had occasion to transact business at the Curling branch of the Bank of Montreal during Mr. Phipps's term, will regret of his departure, while at the same time congratulate him upon his promotion.

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