THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE CASE

What a Member of the Woman's National Anti-Suffrage League Has to Say Against the Plan of Entrusting the Ballot to Women.

(Mail and Empire.)

Noting the possibility of an attempt on the part of the Suffragettes to have a bill introduced in the Ontario Legislature, Miss Clementine Fessenden, an associate member of the Woman's National Anti-Suffrage League, sends to The Mail and Empire a letter in which she argues against the suffrage for women. It is very unlikely that a bill placing women and men on exactly the same footing would command a majority of votes in any legislature in Canada. There has been no powerful agitation in behalf of women; the public has not been deeply stirred, and while prime ministers and lesser politicians may be urbane to the suffragette deputations, this affable demeanor is not to be taken as an indication that they are prepared to grant them votes.

Miss Fessenden asks if women have time for the responsibilities and duties that should go with the right to vote? She argues that, as women outnumber men in most countries, theirs would be the dominant vote, and they, to a larger extent than men, would be responsible for such matters, for instance, as those concerning the army and navy, and imperial defence. The complex modern state, as Miss Fessenden points out, depends for its very existence on naval and military power; and the great mining, constructive, shipping and transportation industries, involving the physical force of men, combined with the specialized knowledge which men alone can acquire, are surely not suitable affairs for women to meddle in or administer.

The central government would be weakened, Miss Fessenden thinks, if the controlling vote were vested in a sex lacking the physical power to enforce it, if necessary. She ridicules the idea that woman should vote so that they would be the equal of man. Difference, not inferiority, is the doctrine preached by the Anti-Suffrage League. Silk is not considered inferior to tweed because it is not put to the same rough uses. On the contrary, it is generally conceded to be richer and finer, though no Anglo-Saxon would think of using it as material for his trousers. Why should Suffragettes try to raise the question of woman's inferiority? Who thinks of debating whether the father is superior to the mother in the family, or whether girls are better than boys? The matter of inferiority is quite extraneous to the discussion of the claims put forward by the Suffragettes, and is introduced for the purpose of exciting and inflaming womankind.

From many quarters comes the cry that race suicide is on the increase. In the great cities, especially, women show a growing distaste for the pain and trouble of bringing babies into the world and caring for children in early years. The pursuit of pleasure, the "development of selfhood" are too precious to be interrupted by any avoidable domestic duties. How will it be, then, when the responsibilities of citizenship, in the masculine sense, are added? Women will vote, but they will also want to have women in parliament. To get in parliament they will find previous experience as school trustees, councilors, members of the legislature, etc., of value. Not only therefore, would there be a hundred or so women in the Dominion House, and scores in the legislatures, but throughout the country there would be thousands serving on other elective bodies and in government offices. This would surely constitute a terrific drain upon the domestic life of the country; and the compensating advantages are not too obvious.

It is urged that women would purify politics by their presence; but we have never heard that the liquor traffic in England has been purified because barmaids are connected with it. In Colorado the women have been voting for fourteen years, but Judge Lindsay, who is, by the way, a champion of the Suffragettes, admits that they have not put down political corruption in that state. This he ascribes to the fact that nominations are "machine-made," and unless the women become members of the machine they have no more to say than any other outsiders. They may vote for Smith or Brown, but are not allowed to get Johnson in the field. Miss Fessenden says, speaking of the recent Bonynge-Shafroth contest, "Women were the perpetrators of the frauds. They were the repeaters and vote-buyers; they padded the polling lists and stuffed the ballot-boxes."

To The Mail and Empire one of the strongest arguments against granting the franchise to women is that every woman who could cast a vote can now influence a vote. She has a husband, a father, a brother, or sweetheart, who votes, and with whom she can plead or argue if she so desires. Men can be trusted to see to it that no laws go into force which will press unduly upon their own mothers and daughters. Everyone knows that men will struggle and suffer more willingly for women than for other men. Why, then, this bother?

KELLY EVANS IN HALIFAX

He Delivered an Excellent Address Before the Canadian Club Last Night

Halifax, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Premier Murray and most of the members of the Nova Scotia legislature assembled with the Halifax Canadian Club today at luncheon to hear an address by Kelly Evans, of Toronto, on Conservation of Natural Resources, particularly on the value of game and fish. It is likely a new policy will be adopted in Nova Scotia as a result of the campaign here, in which Kelly Evans' effort is a part.

South Africa steamship Melville, Captain Brown, arrived yesterday morning from Brunswick (Ga.), with a cargo of 1,281,788 feet of pitch pine for Amherst, Montreal and South Africa. The steamer is now discharging at the Ballast wharf, after which she will move to the I. C. R. pier to load a general cargo for Cape Town, etc. A large amount of cargo for the steamer is now in the warehouses here.

THE PERRY CASE

The investigation by Chief of Police Clark into the charge made against Policeman Ira D. Perry by Patrolman Cavanaugh is not yet finished. During yesterday afternoon several policemen gave evidence and Policeman Cavanaugh was recalled and made a further statement.

Those examined in addition to those reported yesterday were Policeman McNamee, McCollum, Bowes, Belyea, Ward, and Olive, Night Detective Lucas, Acting Sergeant Scott and William Pyne.

Chief Clark said last night that he might have to get evidence from outside the city, and the inquiry would not be closed yet; he was going thoroughly into it, but would make no statement until it was concluded.

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Steamship Manchester Spinner is expected this morning from Manchester and Halifax, with a general cargo. This is the first trip of this steamer to St. John.

A LIFE SENTENCE FOR EX-CHIEF OF POLICE

Simcoe Chief Charged With Shooting a Constable With Intent to Kill Gets Life Term —Dramatic Scene in Court at Guelph.

Simcoe, Ont., Feb. 24.—Found guilty tonight of shooting his assistant, Constable Wilkins, with intent to murder, ex-Chief of Police Archibald W. Malone, of Simcoe, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary by Sir William Mulock. Malone is a former South African veteran. The trial lasted three days.

Dec. 1, 1908, Malone, as chief constable, in cold blood shot and left for dead, his assistant, Constable William Wilkins, the man who, through his weakness of will, he had made an accomplice in a series of robberies and incendiary outrages in town.

Last December, at the trial for Malone's commital, the crowd then present cheered when the magistrate ruled against the accused. Tonight only empty silence possessed the room. Men spoke quietly, with covert movements, women placed handkerchiefs to their eyes, while in the centre of all stood in the dock the unfortunate man facing his wife. He stood erect, as had been his habit all through the trial, his eyes, in their shadowed hollows, bright with a grim resolve not to yield to weakness. But as his wife approached tears were in her eyes and as Malone looked up suddenly his own filled.

"Stop it," he cried in rough haste, "I can't stand that; if you cry I'll be in an asylum in two weeks."

Today's proceedings were occupied entirely in the address of counsel to the jury. W. E. Keily stated to his lordship at the opening of court this morning that the defence would call no witnesses. That being the case, he asked permission to address the jury after Mr. Blackstock rather than before. His request was refused and he at once proceeded to the address. His speech lasted two and a half hours. Court adjourned for luncheon at its conclusion. Mr. Blackstock spoke for two and a quarter hours, after the sitting resumed, and was followed by his lordship giving the charge. This took from 4 o'clock until 5.15.

The jury left the room and, returning at 7.27, the foreman reported an unanimous verdict of guilty. Sir William declined to allow a reserve case.

Two indictments of arson and two of shop-breaking registered against Malone will be traversed to the next county.

Before passing sentence, Sir William, through the defence's counsel, privately asked if Mrs. Malone, who sat near the dock, would like to leave the court room. "No," she was overheard to answer; "I'll stop here. But I know he's not guilty."

BELL'S AIRSHIP MADE A FLIGHT

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 24—Alexander Graham Bell's Aerial Experiment Association continued their tests on the ice on the Bras d'Or Lakes at Baddeck today. McCurdy, secretary of the association eclipsed all records of the association by flying four and a half miles at an elevation of between forty and fifty feet in the air, and turning a complete circle.

McCurdy, in his flight today, had full control of the machine at all times, but in endeavoring to circle for the second time at the lower end of the bay found himself pinched for room and therefore shut off power to avoid running into trees and landed. In doing this the machine skidded on the ice and broke some of her parts. Dr. Bell says a day will repair all damages.

VERY RICH.

Cannibal King—Let that last captive go. His Assistant—But he's a millionaire. Cannibal King—I know, but I've got to cut out all rich food.

ABDUCTION BY MOTHER

Flight to France With Her Son

A Particularly Interesting Domestic Romance in England — Boy is Heir to Big Fortune

London, Feb. 24—A particularly interesting domestic romance was brought to the notice of Mr. Justice Parker, sitting as Chancery Judge at the law courts.

It concerns a thirten-year-old boy, who is heir to a great estate in Lancashire, and who was abducted by his mother from Folkestone to Paris.

The boy's name is Townley Rigby Knowles, and he is a ward in chancery. His mother is a French lady of considerable personal charm.

She has been married twice, her first husband, Mr. T. R. Knowles, being a well known landed proprietor in Lancashire. He owned large properties in Preston and other towns. He died a few years ago, and his only son, Townley Rigby, was made a ward in chancery.

This procedure was taken in order to safeguard the boy's interests. When he comes of age he will inherit all his father's property, which yields an income of at least £20,000 a year.

The boy's father had expressed a wish that he should be brought up in the Protestant faith. His mother wanted him to be a Roman Catholic. The court sided with the father, and the boy was sent to a Protestant boarding school in Folkestone.

Some time ago the mother married a Frenchman named Clementel, in Paris, but the union was not a happy one, and a few months ago she obtained a divorce in the French courts.

Both mother and son have always been devoted to each other, and the mother's only grievance was that her boy was being educated as a Protestant. She had given an undertaking to the court not to take him away from this country, but her love for the child proved too strong for her, and a few days ago she called at the school and took the boy out to lunch on the understanding that she would return later in the afternoon.

As a mater fo fact she and the boy caught the four o'clock boat to Boulogne and went to Paris.

The "abduction" constitutes a contempt of court, and as such was brought formally to the notice of Mr. Justice Parker by Messrs. Donisthorpe and Dickson, solicitors who are acting for the testamentary guardian of the boy.

Mr. Justice Parker, after hearing counsel's statement, made an order for the mother to return the boy to the care of the court. This order will be served on Mme. Knowles in Paris.

BIG LUMBER CUT ON CROWN LANDS

Fredericton, Feb. 24—Surveyor-General Grimmer estimates that the lumber cut on the crown lands this season, liable for stumpage, will be in excess of 160,000,000 feet. He considers this a very good showing considering the fact that many lumbermen have been forced to curtail their operations. Last year stumpage was collected on 150,000,000 feet.

Staff Sergeant Aldred, of the Royal Regiment, leaves tomorrow for St. John en route to England on four months' furlough.

St. Andrew's curlers will be here Friday to play a return match with Fredericton.

There has been very little stir in civic politics this week, and the campaign may not be as exciting as at first promised. The temperance people have still three vacancies on their ticket but are hopeful of being able to close the gap in the ranks before the end of the week. The personnel of the citizens' ticket has not yet been definitely announced. Next Monday is nomination day and the last meeting of the retiring council will be held Tuesday evening.

The local government will meet here Tuesday to arrange its programme for the approaching legislative session.

In the Royal Gazette today, Ald. Winslow, as solicitor for the applicants, gives notice that an application will be made at the next session of the legislature for an act to incorporate a railway company with authority to build and operate a line of railway from the city of St. John along the valley of the St. John river to Centreville, Grand Falls or Edmundston.

Ald. Winslow stated this morning that the application of the Quebec & Southern Company before the dominion parliament to have their charter changed so as to allow them to build the valley railway would be opposed unless a stated guarantee was given that the work would be commenced at once and that it would be carried through to completion. A meeting of the board of trade council will be called for Friday evening to further deal with the valley railway question.

J. S. Armstrong, of Rothesay, gives notice in the Royal Gazette that a bill will be introduced at the approaching session of the legislature to incorporate the St. John Power Company, with power to carry on a general lighting, heating and power business in any part of New Brunswick.

Thomas Nagle, St. John; R. O'Leary, Henry B. O'Leary, Richibucto; W. S. Montgomery, Dalhousie, and Harley W. Gross, Hillsboro, are applying for incorporation as the Thomas Nagle Lumber Company, Limited, to carry on Mr. Nagle's lumber business, with a capital stock of $49,000.

The Portlands, of St. John, are expected here tomorrow night to meet the U. N. B. basket ball team.

Col. Al. Dodge, commander of the Canadian regiment of uniform rank Knights of Pythias, will be here on Monday evening next to conduct the instalation of the officers of Fowler Company in this city.

The fighting which began in the Greek quarters of South Omaha Sunday afternoon did not subside until an early hour this morning, and the total of caualties is five persons suffering with gunshot wounds, eleven Greeks so badly beaten that they were taken to hospitals for treatment, and about fifteen other persons suffering from asaults, or as the result of mis-directed missiles intended for the Greeks, on whom the wrath of the maddened horde was centered.

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WANT MONTREAL MADE FREE PORT

Board of Trade Will Ask Government to Assume the Port's Debt So Port May be Free.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The board of trade today decided to make a direct appeal to the government, asking it to assume the whole debt of the port of Montreal.

The board has been much dissatisfied with the decision of the harbor commissioners to increase the wharfage rentals, and tried to get them to drop the idea. The commissioners declare they needed the money to pay interest to the government on the cost of the improvements and, as a last resort, the shipping interests will ask the government to take over the debt and make Montreal a free port.

OBITUARY

William Henderson

Yesterday morning at 154 Brussels street, William Henderson, a native of New Brunswick, but who had resided for many years in Eastport (Me.), passed away. The deceased, who was in the 71st year of his age, leaves two brothers, Hiram and Joseph, and two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Shaw, of this city, and Mrs. Joshua Henderson, of Upper St. John river. Miss Lizzie J. Henderson, of this city, is a niece of the deceased. The interment will take place at Kingston, Kings county, on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Letitia McCourt

Mrs. Letitia McCourt, widow of Chas. McCourt, died yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, M. J. H. Mulholland, 226 Princess street, in her 74th year. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Mulholland; two sisters, Mrs. P. Egan, of St. John, and Miss Kate Cullinan, of Fairville, and one brother, John Cullinan, of Fairville. The funeral will be held on Friday morning.

Malcolm Somers

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 24—(Special)—Malcolm Somers, aged 82, and one of Moncton's most highly respected citizens, died here this morning. Until yesterday he was in apparently good health. This morning, as he was about to move in bed, he passed peacefully away. One daughter and two sons survive, Mrs. Henry Jones and Dr. L. Somers, this city, and Walter, living in the vicinity of Moncton.

Mrs. Arthur Delaney

The death of Mrs. Arthur Delaney occurred yesterday morning at her residence, 24 Adelaide street. She had been ill for some months with tuberculosis. Besides her husband she is survived by two sons and four daughters. The daughters are Mrs. Edward Emery and Mrs. John B. Bardsley, of this city; Mrs. Hilary T. Sweeney, of Boston, and Miss Ethel, at home. The sons are Arthur and Maurice, both of this city. Mrs. Delaney was a daughter of the late Patrick Carleton, of St. John. The remaining members of her own family are Mrs. Henry J. Sullivan and Mrs. Thomas Fox, of this city, and Robert and Edward Carleton, of Boston.

Mrs. David Floyd

Hampton, Kings county, Feb. 24.—The sudden death on Tuesday of last week of Mrs. David Floyd, of Titusville, was learned by her many friends with the deepest regret and sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd and their whole family have always been held in the highest respect, and the removal by death of the maternal head, who was a woman of marked ability, has stirred the hearts of all. Death came without any preliminary indications of disease, and while talking with her husband and members of the family, was seized with a fainting spell, which proved to be the death spasm, for when her husband raised her in his arms her spirit had taken its flight. Dr. J. S. Murray was immediately summoned, as was also Miss Ada Titus, a trained nurse, but all they could do was to confirm the dread message, already borne in on the hearts of her loved ones present.

Mrs. Floyd, before marriage, was Miss Sarah A. Cochrane, of Bloomfield, where her aged mother, Mrs. John Cochrane, still resides. Her family consists of two daughters—Mrs. J. A. Cassidy, of Welsford, and Miss Nelly Floyd, of the nursing staff of the General Public Hospital, St. John; and five sons—Andrew, of Barnesville; Levi, of Lakefield; David, of Salt Springs Arthur S., a student at the University of New Brunswick, and Ernest S., at home. Two brothers—W. E. Cochrane, manager of Prang's Educational Company, Boston, New York and Chicago, and John Cochrane, of Denver (Col.), and three sisters—Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. David McLean, and Mrs. Thos. Mulray, all of Boston, also survive her.

The funeral took place on Friday, Feb. 19, the Rev. G. A. Ross, of Hampton Methodist church, conducting the service.

Mrs. Charles McCarthy

Mrs. Nora McCarthy, wife of Charles McCarthl, of 75 Erin street, died yesterday after having been confined to her bed only two days, though she had been in failing health for more than a year. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, both of whom are small, and two sisters, Miss Mary, of this city, and Miss Nellie, in the States. There are also four brothers, Mrs. McCarthy's mother, Mrs. Michael Connell, died a little more than a year ago from the effect of burns sustained while lighting a fire.

Mayor Taylor, of San Francisco, has set aside five days in October for the celebration of the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of the discovery of the city's site.

The next mail steamship will be the Allan liner Corsican, from Liverpool via Halifax, at the end of this week. She has on board 533 passengers. Most of them will land at Halifax.

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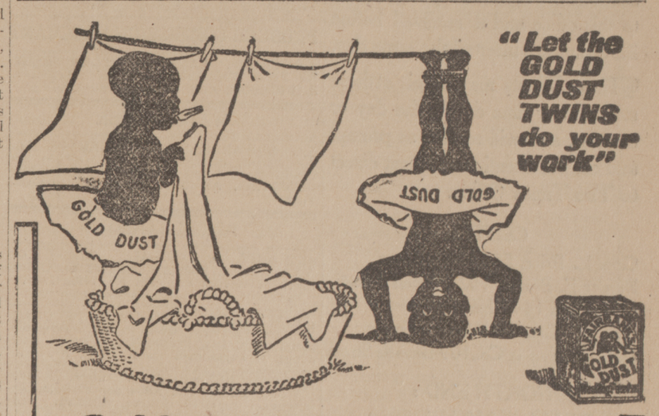
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