

women the vote. "Let it work along," he said, "and agitate a while." In anything of the nature of religion the ladies took the lead, and he was glad to work with them.

Trouble Enough as it is.

Dr. T. S. T. Smellie (Fort William) devoted some time to criticism, in no friendly spirit, of Mr. Studholme, and said we were badly enough mixed with foreigners now without having the women in politics, too. He would impose an educational requirement on foreigners before allowing them to vote, say, equivalent to the Second Book work.

A Wrong View of Politics.

Hon. A. G. MacKay took Mr. Donovan to task for his expression about the "slimy pool of politics." The member for Brockville, he imagined, stood alone in public life to-day in this Province in his estimate of politics. No man with a reasonable or fair conception of duty, the speaker believed, entered political life without being benefited. There was no doubt of this, that it had an ennobling effect. Never had women lost a single atom by going into politics. The same arguments used against woman suffrage had been used against giving votes to workingmen in the old land. As to the objection that women in Ontario do not vote in large numbers where they have that right now, Hon. Mr. MacKay said it was due to the fact of their franchise being restricted to widows and spinsters and to municipal affairs. But in New Zealand, he said, 30,000 women petitioned for the franchise, 101,000 became enrolled, and 85.18 per cent. of these voted, 79 women voting for every 80 men.

A Democratic Measure.

As to the democratic view, Mr. MacKay argued, if freedom was to be "broad-based upon the people's will," yet man said he was the whole people. But woman was as much affected by legislation as man, she suffered as much from bad legislation or lack of legislation.

Hall-mark of Citizens.

"I am not in the field of ratiocination," said Hon. Mr. MacKay, "if I am not right in this, that in granting the franchise to women we should be giving them the hall-mark of full citizenship. Nor would this induce them to rock the cradle less frequently or intelligently; but they would rock it much more confidently if knowing they had in their hands this power of citizenship."

If They Want It, Yes.

If petitions came in in sufficient numbers, he said, signed by themselves, their husbands and brothers, they would get the franchise. But, he asked, did they think they could accomplish more in that way than by exercising their influence without the franchise? Foreigners had not the stake and interest in this country that the mothers of the land necessarily had. This bill, however, was not in such a form as was necessary, and he did not think the time quite opportune yet for granting women the franchise, so he did not intend to support the measure at present.

A Serious Matter.

Sir James began by remarking that the question of woman suffrage was a "serious, earnest and grave matter" and one that should be seriously considered by the House. He declared that he was not going to talk about the abstract question, and went on to point out that the time had not arrived for such a social revolution as the women proposed.

He wound up by asserting that all such things were the product of evolution and that mere mortals could not expect to hurry nature. He gave a gentle little hint to the ladies that their manner of receiving the defeat of the bill might have much to do with the growth of public sentiment in favor of woman suffrage.

MINE MANAGERS ASK FOR A WAGGON ROAD

DELEGATION FROM PORCUPINE CALL UPON GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER FACILITIES.

Mr. Percy Robins, Manager of the Hollinger mine and Mr. Charles Watson of the Armstrong-McGibbon Company called on Provincial Secretary W. J. Hanna and Hon. Dr. Reaume, Minister of Public Works and Fisheries, yesterday and asked that the Government construct a waggon road from the south end of Porcupine Lake to Matagami River, a distance of four miles.

It was pointed out that the Government had built a railway to Porcupine and should complete its work by building a waggon road to the camps, so as to enable prospectors to get their outfits through without great trouble and expense.

The delegation was appointed at a general meeting of mine managers held recently, at which steps were taken to form a chamber of mines. Manager Kingsmill of the Ray mine was a member of the deputation, but was unable to come to the conference.

The Government promised to look into the matter.

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