

# WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE AGAIN TURNED DOWN

## Government Rejects Mr. Studholme's Bill

### WHAT MILITANTS MIGHT DO

Labor Member Declares They Might Stimulate Government's Action —

Mr. Proudfoot Lends Support —

Mr. Foy is Chief Assassin.

Women's suffrage had another show in the Legislature yesterday when Mr. Studholme, the member for East Hamilton, moved the second reading of his bill to give every married woman, unmarried woman, and widow of the age of twenty-one, being a British subject, the right to vote at municipal elections and elections for the Legislative Assembly of the Province. Mr. Studholme spoke to a thin House at great length on the subject, and with withering scorn said members would rather run out and smoke than listen to anything in favor of women. The Government badly needed education on the subject, he said. Observing a few grins, the member for East Hamilton remarked:—

"This isn't a laughing matter. If you had the militants of the old land you wouldn't smile, and there is no saying what the women might do here if you continue to ignore them again and again. I say the least thing you can do is to treat the women kindly. You know the finest deputation that ever came here was that of the women who waited upon you in the reception-room. There was not one of the gentlemen now smiling who did so then. You simply folded your arms, looked wise and received the message. Then after that you put up 'Sunny Jim,' the Provincial Treasurer, and I think the brief he had the other day was the poorest he ever had."

#### Mr. Proudfoot's Support.

Mr. Proudfoot (Centre Huron), in seconding, said Mr. Studholme was not ploughing a lonely furrow on this subject, and that there were others in the House who felt as keenly on it. Mr. Proudfoot then controverted arguments contained in a circular issued by the association opposed to woman suffrage. He maintained that because a section of women did not want the vote was no reason why those who desired it should be prevented from exercising the right. The member for East Hamilton did not seem to have much confidence in the Government on this question, and he suggested to Mr. Studholme, if he desired anything done, to organize the Labor retainers, if such they might be called, to line them up, bring them forward at next election and see that they voted for the candidates who would support a law of this kind.

#### Rejected by Mr. Foy.

Hon. Mr. Foy, Acting Premier, said the House had already voted against married women voting in municipal elections, and the objections applied much more forcibly in the case of the Legislative Assembly election.

The second reading, on a call for a show of feeling, was defeated.

#### Division Court Fees.

The bill introduced by Mr. McDonald (Centre Bruce) to amend the Division Court act was last night in the Legislature remitted to the Legal Committee. Mr. McDonald explained that the object was to change the clause put in last year, by which clerks and bailiffs in Division Courts where the fees did not amount to \$500 must be paid two dollars each for each sitting of the Division Court.

In small municipalities they were finding that while this was a small item, still in the average town and village in this country taxes were high enough without having to pay extra out of the town treasury for a clerk and bailiff.

## EASY METHODS BRING OPPOSITION PROTEST

### MR. BOWMAN ASKS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Hon. W. H. Hearst met a sudden protest from the Opposition in the Legislature yesterday when he moved the second reading of his bill respecting the Royal Ontario Museum. The bill is largely of an enabling character, and clears up what the Legislature intended to express a year ago with regard to the maintenance of the institution, towards which the Province contributes one-half and the University one-half. The Provincial Auditor had ruled that the cases for holding the exhibits were not part of the maintenance, and the bill sought to define just what maintenance was intended to mean.

Mr. C. M. Bowman objected to the bill going through in its present form. Expenditures of this nature should be submitted to the House and be voted upon. It was contrary to the principles of responsible government that money for such purposes should be authorized by statute and disbursed under the order of the Lieut.-Governor in Council. He moved in amendment to the second reading that the bill should not pass, but that the Government should bring down estimates from year to year of the money required for the museum, and not pay it out by statute. The amendment was voted down by 23 to 8.

When a resolution was being passed giving Government business precedence for the remainder of the session, Hon. J. J. Foy intimated to Mr. Rowell that something would be done to aid the finances of the University of Toronto, although he did not expect that any special legislation would be required for the purpose.

The House concluded the supplementary estimates before adjournment, and received the report of the Committee of Supply.