

## Suffragists Given

### No Hope for Vote

Disappointment was in store for the deputation from the Canadian Suffrage Association that waited upon Premier Hearst yesterday morning to ask that the Government pass legislation extending the municipal franchise to married women owning property. With a war session on its hands the Government would hardly have time to gather the necessary information to reach a decision. The question was one that needed a great deal of consideration. The deputation was received by the Premier, Hon. F. G. Macdormid and Hon. T. W. McGarry.

There was a fair sprinkling of speakers. Altogether some fifty women comprised the deputation. Mrs. F. McDonald Denison pointed out the extension of the franchise that had been granted to women in many parts of the United States and Europe. Dr. Margaret Gordon recited the result of twenty-six referendums submitted in different places in Ontario. Dr. Margaret Johnston asked if women were criminals, lunatics or fools and therefore incapable of exercising a franchise. She suggested that if the Government would grant the vote they would receive the support of the women at the general election. Dr. Stowe Gullen pointed to the anomaly in refusing college women the vote and yet Chinese, Japanese and Russians were allowed to vote after being in the country a few years. Mr. J. W. Bengough, introduced as a "free lance," said he appeared on behalf of the Single Tax Association, which heartily supported the proposal. Mr. R. D. Fairbairn said if it were not for the vote of the women he would not be a member of the Board of Education to-day. Rev. Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Graham of Winnipeg also spoke.

Premier Hearst was not sure that a provincial referendum would give the desired result. He had been told there were many women who did not want the vote and felt sure that the women of Ontario had done just as much for the good of the country as their sisters in Manitoba, who had the vote.