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Report from The Daily Mail on a Suffragist March, 11 February 1907

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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about how the Suffragists helped to achieve the vote for women in 1918. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What does this source tell you about the march?
- What does it suggest about the strength of the NUWSS and its supporters?
- What do you think this phrase means: 'the clerk of the weather was as unsympathetic as a Liberal steward'?
- What is the general attitude of the report towards the women?
- What was Mrs Gore Booth unhappy about?
- What did Keir Hardie mean in his speech?

PROCESSION AND SPEECHES.

Forty societies were represented in the procession, including many delegates from the North and the Midlands. The metropolitan districts were very strong, and their banners were a feature. Though the clerk of the weather was as unsympathetic as a Liberal steward, the demonstrators held on bravely through the mud. They were led by such ladies as Mrs. Fawcett, Lady Maud Parry, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Lady Strachey, Lady Emily Lutyens, Lady Frances Balfour, the Countess of Carlisle and her daughters, one of whom carried a banner, and Mrs. Peachy Phipson, M.D. A long string of smart carriages and motor-cars formed part of the procession.

There were two meetings—one in Trafalgar-square, the other in Exeter Hall. At the former Miss Gore Booth deplored the alienation of the Labour Party through the action of a certain section of the suffrage movement.

Mr. Keir Hardie found himself strongly in sympathy with the resolution proposed at this gathering, for it was on the lines of those defeated at the Belfast conference. He demanded a Bill this session. He declared that those who are not prepared to act to others as they would desire others to act to them are unworthy of the rights of citizens.