

ABERDEEN SUFFRAGISTS RELEASED.

REVOLT IN PRISON.

Four of the Aberdeen suffragists imprisoned for disturbances in connection with the visit of Mr Lloyd George to the city were liberated from Craiginches Prison on Saturday morning.

The ladies freed were Miss Pollock, Miss Parker, Miss Locke, and Miss Humphreys, who was given her liberty on the receipt of a cheque equal to the fine imposed upon her from an anonymous supporter of the movement.

The suffragists left the prison shortly before seven o'clock in taxi-cabs, and were conveyed to the houses of friends in the city.

A "Journal" reporter interviewed the ladies, and secured narratives of their experiences in jail.

From the moment of entering prison until freedom was granted, the suffragists refused to taste a particle of food or drink a drop of water, and so serious did the situation become to the authorities that the Master of Polwarth, Chairman of the Prison Commissioners, cautioned the militants that forcible feeding would be resorted to. Defiance, however, was given to the warning.

When taken out for exercise to the prison yard, the suffragists refused to return to their cells, and lay about the grounds until carried back by warders.

When in the cells, the suffragists threw the articles of furniture at the officers who visited them from time to time, and smashed the windows of their cells.

Ultimately the ladies were confined to the punishment cell, but even then they did not cease to give trouble, and were frequently told that severer methods would have to be resorted to.

According to the sentence the suffragists should not have been liberated until to-day, and, to use the prison phrase, "should have done Sunday time."

Miss Humphreys stated that, on entering prison they were kindly treated by the governor, matron, and prison attendants, being afforded the full status of political prisoners.

On the second day of imprisonment they were taken from their cells for exercise in the yard, and when the authorities refused to allow Miss Davidson—of horsewhipping fame—to join them at the recreation hour, they refused to go back to jail, and were carried in by a staff of warders. On being taken to the cells, the windows were smashed simultaneously, and when food was offered it was declined on each occasion. The Master of Polwarth cautioned the ladies that forcible feeding appliances would be brought into use, but was told to do his worst.

The suffragettes were then taken from the cells by warders, and moved downstairs to a punishment cell.