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BADGE: NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR OPPOSING WOMAN-SUFFRAGE

Badge produced by the National League for Opposing Women-Suffrage.

Founded in 1910 in London, the league was against extending the voting franchise to women. Both men and women were members.

The organisation ceased to exist after the 1918 representation of the people act.

LORD CROMER: PRESIDENT OF THE ANTI-SUFFRAGE LEAGUE

Evelyn Baring, later Lord Cromer was born in Cromer in 1848.

He went to Boarding school at the age of 7 and Royal Military Academy at 14, joining the Army when he was 17.

After postings to Greece and India, he became a colonial administrator, posted to Egypt.

He became British Consul-general in Egypt establishing a principle whereby British officials could dismiss Egyptian ministers who did not obey British directives. In 1901, he was created Earl Cromer.

In 1902 he was given an honorary doctorate from Oxford University and in 1906 he was given the Order of Merit.

Evelyn Baring was a founder member of the Men's League for Opposing women's Suffrage and became its President in 1908. When this merged with the Women's League, he was President of the new organisation until 1912.