

ROPER, Mrs Esther [Copied from
notes on
GORE-BOOTH, Miss Eva 'Pre Militant
period']

Womens Trade Union League 3960

These early unions took no part in
suffrage struggle, indeed, except for a few
special spirits like Mrs Potterson. They
regarded suffrage as a middle class woman's
interest!

But in north (c 1890) Mrs E.R. &
Miss E.G.B., E.R. was sec. of the
Lancs + Cheshire W.S. Soc.

In 8 years organised a petition signed by
67,000 Lancashire working women

1906. Shackleton ran as candidate for the
decision made by Colton Trade Union
with women voting. He was elected &
5,500 of these women sent him a notification
that they expected him to make an
effort to get their votelessness removed.
He assisted in Suffrage Bill of —

1906
The Wigan effort followed when the G-B-R
organisation ran a W.S. candidate for Wigan.
1st meeting addressed by Thorley-Smith.
The candidate himself, Eva G.B., F.R.
& Mrs Pankhurst. The women spoke at no
less than 80 meetings. He polled 2205 votes.
The winner 3,573 — but might have won
if the local Trades Council had not decided not
to give him official support.

Societies about Women's rights