

# *Houston Woman Tendered Place on Accident Board*



**MRS. HORTENSE WARD.**

**A**USTIN, Tex., Aug. 29.—The secretaryship of the Texas industrial accident board has been tendered to Mrs. Hortense Ward of Houston, the election having been made by the board to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Charles E. McMordie, who has accepted a position with the Miller Indemnity Company of Dallas. D. W. Odell, chairman of the industrial accident board, said today that Mrs. Ward had been notified of the board's action, but she had not yet replied as to whether or not she will accept the tender.

Should Mrs. Ward accept she will be the first woman secretary of the board since its creation. Mrs. Ward is a well-known member of the Houston bar and has been actively engaged in the practice of law.

Mrs. Ward made a number of speeches for Governor Hobby in the recent campaign and she was strongly urged to the governor for appointment on the commission of appeals to aid the supreme court. The name of Mrs. Ward has also been suggested as a possible successor to George F. Howard should he resign as secretary of state to enter the army next year. As is generally known, Mrs. Ward has been one of the leading advocates of woman suffrage in Texas.

The salary of the secretary of the industrial accident board is fixed by legislative enactment and is \$2,000 per year.