

A girl of twelve years of age, or a boy of fourteen years of age, may be legally married in this province.

In the case of a deserted wife: The husband has the right to come and collect the earnings of their minor children. The wife may obtain an order of protection from the court to prevent this. But the very woman who needs this most, often is ignorant or so situated by reason of distance or family cares, that she cannot readily take the necessary steps.

The husband also may collect and use his wife's wages, under certain circumstances.

These laws may well make men think. They are naturally of special interest to women—in whose lives "children" and "home" are the very watchwords of existence.

Though the home is popularly regarded as woman's sphere in life, her children as her especial care and interest, it would seem that, in reality the very roof may be sold over her head, the children she has borne be taken from her, and her little daughter of twelve years of age given in marriage without the mother's consent.

Cases influenced by these conditions come to the notice of every philanthropic society daily. Wives and families that might have been provided for, are left destitute. Worthless husbands subdue their wives to their wishes by threatening to take their children away.

Young girls who could be protected and provided for until sixteen years old, at least, are, under the guise of