

*Mr. Counter's Celebrated Lecture on "Woman's Rights," delivered in the City Hall, Kingston, November 13th, 1877, before a large and intelligent audience :*

On motion of Alderman McIntyre, Mr. J. H. Metcalfe, M.P.P., was called to the chair, and in a few brief remarks introduced Mr. Charles A. Counter, who has won for himself the proud title of Canada's Own Orator.

Mr. Counter, on coming forward, was received with loud cheers. He at once began as follows—addressing the chair: Sir—The question which I propose to discuss to-night is one of momentous import to every man, woman and child in this broad Dominion of ours, which reaches from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west. Nay, sir, this question is a cosmopolitan, not a local one, and concerns the whole world. The subject is "Woman's Rights." Now, sir, I maintain that whatever advances woman's interests furthers those of every mortal. They are "the morning stars of our youth, the day stars of our manhood, and the evening stars of old age. Having endowed these terrestrial angels with intellectual faculties why, sir, should they not possess their rights and privileges, monopolized by the selfish man. There is a tide in the affairs of man, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; there is a tide in the affairs of woman, which taken at the flood, leads God knows where. In all sacred and profane history woman plays a prominent part. We find that in the creation this work was incomplete, and was not consummated until woman