

have done such splendid service and shewn such bravery, devotion and self-sacrifice during the war that the inclination is to give them anything they ask for. But here it may be noted that the best of these have not clamoured for the franchise.

Turning now to the legal profession. Lord Chancellor Buckmaster recently introduced in the House of Lords a bill entitled "Solicitors qualification of women bill" which was shortly discussed and passed its second reading in the Upper Chamber without a division. The Lord Chancellor, though he introduced the bill, stated that he was opposed to it and regarded the proposal as a step in the wrong direction. Lord Halsbury supported this view, but on the other hand, Lord Sumner and Lord Loreburn were in favour of it. The proposal was to admit women to the ranks of the solicitors only, the reason being that in England admission to the Bar depends not on statute but on the Benchers of the Inns of Court. The profession in England are, on the whole, strongly opposed to the measure and it may not become law, and certainly not until fuller discussion, probably at the next session of Parliament. This certainly is not an appropriate time to introduce the bill.

In this matter we are in advance (if that is the right word to use) of our brethren in England, for in several of our provinces women are both barristers and solicitors; in connection with which we notice that Miss Carthart of Moosejaw, having just passed her final law examination, will be the first lady barrister in the Province of Saskatchewan.

After all, this opening of the door of the profession to women may not prove to be a matter of much practical importance, and so far the competition of our professional sisters has not at all troubled our professional brothers. Nor do we think the right to vote being given to women will do much more in the realm of politics than cause considerable expense and troublesome detail, and perhaps be an occasional disturbing factor; but, on the other hand, we may hope this franchise may in certain matters exercise a beneficial influence.