

the Dominion and its officers deserve all praise.

A few weeks ago the Hydro-Electric celebrated their inaugural opening in Toronto. In Massey Hall, Dec. 28th, 1907, women were asked to speak at a monster mass meeting in favor of this enterprise, and Mrs. Denison responded, which marked an epoch in the history of women. In 1910 Mayor Geary called a protest meeting against the Street Railway Co., and Dr. Stowe-Gullen was asked to speak. This goes to show that many of our best men want the co-operation of women in the settling of public questions.

But Canadian women themselves must wake up. Why, away back in 1850 Ontario gave women the school franchise. Then she was in the lead. Now she is getting in the rear of the progressive procession.

It seems hard to believe that woman herself has clung to her chains of slavery, and instead of assisting and encouraging the brave torch-bearers who have prepared the way for a broader and nobler womanhood to be possible, she has too often drawn her skirts aside and whimpered, "I am perfectly satisfied to be the power behind the throne," "A woman's place is in the home," etc., forgetting that many women would have no homes if they had not got out and hustled to keep themselves and their children. This hustling, this getting out, has opened women's eyes.

She has found herself capable, she has found that she is needed, and she has come to realize that the welfare of the nation is just as much her concern as it is that of men. She has found that she is a human being and needs all human opportunities, the same as men, for development.

Every Canadian woman is needed in this great movement of assisting in the final emancipation of her sex.

Why should this broad, free country be behind Australia and New Zealand, to say nothing of dozens of other places.

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