

the right of control in the wider spheres where the laws that more largely govern life are enacted. A salic law is a relic of barbarism which would have prevented the illustrious reign of Victoria the Good, and its principle is out of keeping with a Christian civilization. And we see men every day whose dissolute habits and crass ignorance constitute an eloquent argument against men's monopoly of law-making and the exclusion of intelligent and home-loving women therefrom. Let the good work go on. Women can vote without neglecting their homes as well as men can vote without neglecting their business.

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The task of recruiting is going steadily on in Canada, and British Columbia is doing its valiant share. While it is quite true that every one cannot go to the front, the fact is that men of service age who are not in khaki are under the painful necessity of explaining themselves. There is a universal hope that, as H. G. Wells says, "This war will end all war," but those who are most bitterly opposed to a militaristic constitution of things see that in order to end militarism the unholy compact of which Prussia is the life, must be crushed with no gentle hand. In the face of our need of more men there must be no shirking. And in the presence of the great necessity for the conservation of resources the huge economic waste of the liquor evil and the excessive sporting and pleasure-loving habit of some classes should be sternly repressed.

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Our new City Council in Vancouver has put on the municipal harness and the indications are that the Mayor and Aldermen will take their work seriously and keep the tugs tight. There will be some "hard sledding" as the teamsters on the prairie used to say, some places where the footing will be difficult, but we believe our new team will take us through all right. The fact that the Council is smaller will deepen the sense of personal responsibility which is always a good thing. Perhaps the oddest outcome of the elections was the effort of some to reckon the gains or the losses for the political parties. What has municipal government to do with political parties unless we expect to lay down Conservative pavements and Liberal sidewalks?

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It is noticeable that the Church throughout Canada and the Empire is becoming more and more a place of appeal to men to enlist for the defence of liberty. It is equally noticeable that ministers' sons are in excessive proportion amongst those who are donning the uniform. The Church is no advocate of war in general, and there is no surer evidence of the righteousness of our cause than the facts just quoted. There is a decided feeling that the real question at issue just now is the existence of Christian civilization.