

When a woman dies without a will leaving a husband and no other heirs the husband receives the whole estate. The husband of an intestate woman has a paramount right to administer her estate. No administrator is obliged to give an accounting of the intestate's estate except to creditors or heirs.

When a man dies intestate leaving a widow and no other heirs, she receives a "moiety" of her husband's estate, and the Crown is entitled to the other moiety. The next-of-kin have an equal right with the widow to administer the estate of her intestate husband.

While there is no statute in British Columbia definitely stating that the Crown is entitled to the other moiety of the estate of a childless intestate, when he leaves a widow and no other heirs the R. S. B. C. declare that in such case the widow shall be given one moiety. No statute of this province says what shall be done with the other moiety.

The Escheats Act, however, provides that property for which there is no heir shall escheat or pass to the Crown. Other Acts, such as the Crown Procedure Act, etc., give the Crown