

to fancy laws are alike throughout the Dominion. Criminal, or public law, is, of course, under Federal jurisdiction; but laws of property, status, and civil rights are provincial matters.

A wider knowledge of some of the laws of this province seems so desirable to many men and women, that this brief synopsis of them is presented. There is no idea of offering the pamphlet as a legal guide, for the more one studies law the more clearly one realizes that a little law—like a little learning—is a dangerous thing to act upon. A person desiring to have his or her interests legally guarded should consult a qualified lawyer. The sole aim of this article is to interest British Columbia men and women in the laws that control their affairs. The statements herein can be verified by reference to the provincial statutes. (At present the government of B. C. is preparing a revision and consolidation of all provincial statutes to date. This, when completed, may be consulted readily.)

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A wife is not entitled to dower in any land in the ownership of her husband. He may sell it, or give it away without consulting her. It is his absolutely. He may dispose of it by his will as he sees fit. They may have settled on land, or earned the property by working together, or the wife's money may have helped buy it—but he may leave her penniless if he so desire. If he should die *without* a will, the widow has a one-third interest for life in all real estate owned by him at his death (provided