

what these results are. But I should be very careful about taking testimony coming from a country where the population is sparse. Indeed, in the early days, when Wyoming was a territory, I would not so greatly fear the evil results of women voting as I would in the older districts and the centres of population.

My honorable friend has read the resolution passed by the House of Representatives of Wyoming (elected by the votes of the women of that State), as an argument why we should pass the same law and enfranchise the women of Ontario. Let us see what it says:—

“That the possession and exercise of suffrage by the women in Wyoming for the past quarter of a century has wrought no harm and has done great good in many ways; that it has largely aided in *banning crime, pauperism and vice* from this State, and that without any violent or oppressive legislation; that it has *secured peaceful and orderly elections, good government and a remarkable degree of civilization and public order*; and we point with pride to the fact that, after nearly twenty-five years of woman suffrage, not one county in Wyoming has a *poorhouse*; that our *jails are almost empty, and crime except that committed by strangers in the state, is almost unknown*; and, as a result of experience, we urge every civilized community to enfranchise its women without delay.”

It has secured “*peaceful and orderly elections.*” We have this boon now and do not need it for that. It has given Wyoming “*good government.*” The Attorney-General will endorse my statement that we already have that blessing. Then it has brought a “*remarkable degree of civilization and public order.*” It is credited in this resolution with the result of “*few poorhouses, empty jails, little crime except committed by strangers.*” All this is *now* true of Ontario, and, therefore, this resolution has no force nor weight in this Legislature.

Example is given us of women in history who have figured as rulers of nations. We are frequently pointed to queens who have taken a notable place in history, but it will be observed always that these women have occupied this position only because they appeared in the direct line of descent, and because there was no male to fill