

Points in the Laws of British Columbia Regarding Legal Status of Women

The British system of law is admittedly the best and fairest in the world. Yet times and circumstances of life change, and even in law there is evolution. Constant amendments to existing laws go on. Sometimes a step backward is taken, more often a forward movement. The general principle in our laws is based on justice to all.

The intention manifestly is while protecting the state, to provide security and freedom of person and possessions.

It is, however, an age of progress. Ideals of life advance. What may have been intended to fit certain conditions possibly, no longer is applicable and requires readjusting.

In our own province there are in existence certain laws that are not suited to the social progress of this day and generation, and yet that remain unchanged.

Some of these are of vital interest as intimately touching family life and the solidity of the home. They bear upon the legal status of women, the protection and care of children, property rights and the distribution of estates.

British Columbia is largely settled by those coming from other provinces of Canada, as well as by immigrants from abroad. Those not versed in legal matters are apt