

Winnipeg, that "not men but women have made this great West Land. Their patience, their self-renunciation, their labor, their faith and courage have made what is here."

But "S.F." has another idea. He indignantly repudiates the Dower law, as a "special and iniquitous levy" upon farmers alone and flies to the defence of that freakish view, with the characteristic quibbling assertion that the farmer's wife does no more work than does the wife of the doctor, the lawyer, the merchant, etc., and therefore is no more entitled to a dower. Hence, since these receive no dower, neither should those, and through this small hole would "S.F." escape—if he could.

In the civilized province of Ontario, a wife has a third interest in the real estate of the firm (wife and husband). Why is this not law in the West?

Are Western women not as trustworthy as Eastern? Do they endure less? Or is it that Eastern men are more manly, more just, more civilized than Western men? Those of them who remain East and continue to make the laws.

Really, Mr. Editor, the logic of "S.F." is unique. One minute he says "nearly all farmers treat wifey generously, and a husband is more liable to be liberal than if the law compels him," and "a wife is an erratic quantity," and "such a law would affect his credit and standing," and again, "forty-nine good men will be harshly dealt with, that one bad man may be brought to do justice." Now, how may a man evade what the law compels him to do? And how can it be shown that forty-nine good men "shall be harshly dealt with," when they are required to do only what they desire and intend to do of their own sweet accord, viz., divide with "wifey." And how can a man's credit be weakened by an act that "49 out of 50 good men" ("S.F.'s" figures) or 98 per cent. of all good men approve of and practice themselves?

The arguments(?) of "S.F." run like those of the liquor men who say it is in the interest of temperance to license the sale of liquor, there being more liquor drunk where there is no license than where there is, because men are so inherently lawless and pig-headed that they'll get drunk merely to defy the law.

"S.F." fervently deplores man's inability to "get a remedy" from "a bad woman," and desires a suggestion to that end. We admit he has "no remedy" because bad or good, a woman has nothing in this famed West of ours. Every rood of land, every chick the wife has grown, every industry of house keeping, every animal she has fed, every child she has borne, are his—he has her body and spirit, literally everything but her soul. Now, why not make that a marketable commodity and get after it as your "remedy." And there's the great Talmage who preached once about souls so small that "ten thousand could dance upon the point of a cambric needle." Was he, think you, alluding to the souls of such as—?

Would "S.F." or "Mere Man" like to enter a partnership with some other person, each to labor unceasingly throughout his life, living in semi-barbarous seclusion, standing back when profits came in, participating in nothing but actual necessities, the universal dumping ground for every complaint, bearing every blame of every loss, whether from worthless help or profitless deals, from excesses in liquor or neighbor's stock, but always laboring on, on and always, and at the close of this considerate partner's life to be the pitiable recipient of such charities as the partner may in his discretionary ill-humor choose to dole out, and the

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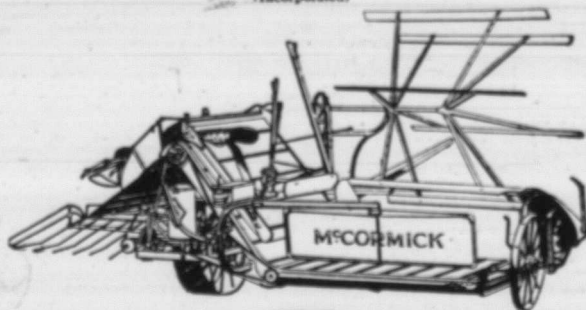
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partner to be sole judge of the worthiness of "S.F." and "Mere Man," to receive anything at all?

Have you, in the course of your life, "S.F." or "Mere Man," ever yet met the man you would slave all the days of your life for, get nothing till he died, and then only what he chose in his erratic humors to give you? Would you do it? Yet that is what you ask women to do, and you want to combine that it will be impossible for her to do anything else.

A main feature of this dower question, which of course, "S.F." and "Mere Man" know nothing of is that hundreds of women who come to this country bringing sums of money very considerable, which are sunk in men's debts, in purchase of chattels, in land even, of all which the man is sole owner. He knows this. She does not (she was used to a law that gave woman part title). He tricks her through her faith. He simply and shamelessly defrauds her, and did he behave similarly to another man, would be promptly prosecuted, punished and compelled to disgorge. But the victim is "only a woman." Why waste honor or dower upon her? How many hundreds of Eastern women, yes, thousands, signed away their dower, when sales were made of Eastern homes to come West, the money being re-invested here (or squandered, mayhap) in the man's name alone, not in their joint names. The wives never saw a dollar or dollars' worth. Now, Western law does not prohibit a deed of

land being made in the name of both man and wife. It simply allows a deed to be made without the wife, and man takes prompt and universal advantage of the privilege to do so and leaves the wife in the lurch. How courageous man must feel, knowing that he owes his financial aggrandisements to having robbed his own wife!

Figure to yourself the spectacle of an able-bodied man hieing himself off to a registry office, on a couple of days' trip, leaving the wife with small children, alone on the prairie. She to herd stock, milk cows, feed pigs, and hold the fort generally, keeping, meanwhile, a windlass on her evaporating courage that she may not die of fright, but have things ship-shape on his return, and lo! his recompense to her for fidelity is to annex all the property to himself and register it in his own name.

Does he tell the wife of his bosom he has dispossessed her of land and chattels? Not so. This is the man's secret. It filters out piecemeal, however, as he recklessly defies her importunity when opposing him in a contemplated mortgage or other such matter. He "does not need her consent," and so the fraud is disclosed, and gradually this enlightened(?) wife permits a glimmer of the bald truth to filter to other wives and then there are other questionings and other shame-faced or brutal admissions, and then women wide-eyed and close-lipped, turn alone to face the solemn future.—

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