

Great Britain did not contain one law specially framed for the protection of children—think of it ! To-day—owing largely to the untiring efforts of women, the rights of the child are recognized by Church and State ; in Canada special laws are enacted to safeguard him. If he goes astray he has a children's court to be tried in, and a child's judge (who is also a friend and a father) to correct, advise, see that he gets justice, richly tempered with mercy. In Montreal it was the Women's Club who brought about this splendid state of affairs ; "let well enough alone " was the municipal maxim there, as it is elsewhere, but when women get a real heart interest in any work, they cannot be bribed or scared into letting go, until they see results. Thank Heaven for the obstinacy of good women ! This is but one instance, out of many, of the influence which Canadian women wield, even when working under a severe handicap. They are marching on. The men of yesterday lifted up their hands in holy horror, and hurled the word "unsexed" at a woman who dared to aspire to a vote ; the man of to-day, while not in love with the idea, sees the reasonableness of it—but the Boy, who is now learning things from his mother, who is espousing her cause, and fighting her battles—he will be the politician of to-morrow ; and so we say to-morrow is the woman's day. In the meantime she is making progress—and why not ? To let go a Right, because some one objects to our possession of it, is to build up injustice and intolerance in nation or individual.

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