

Legislature? If a wife does her duty, or raises children, she gets nothing special; if she provides no issue, she gets \$1,000 clear. Does the farrow cow get all the pasture?" As might be supposed from the illustration, our friend is from the country, and there is some fresh and breezy "horse sense" in his criticism.

Whilst the Act to which he refers was, we believe, taken from an English statute, it does not necessarily follow that it is the essence of wisdom. Whilst it was right to make some provision for the widow who had no children, we confess we do not see why the wife who has children should be so much ignored. This is one of the many Acts of the last session of the Ontario Legislature which has fallen under criticism, and we are free to confess that though Ontario legislation, speaking generally, has been good, and much better than in many other Legislatures, last session certainly left the door open to much adverse comment, though some of it has been hypercritical and some unfair.

In the United States biennial sessions have been forced upon many of the Legislatures, and the same system would, in the opinion of many, be a great comfort in Ontario. It is true that there is a great clamour going on for legislation on all sorts of subjects all over the country, but wisdom would point rather to letting matters alone until the effect of legislation should be better understood before any alteration is made. There certainly will be a need next session to explain many things which were enacted during the last, and to correct some errors, clerical and otherwise.

We have had many sensational murder cases during the past year, and none more so than those connected with the name of H. H. Holmes, who was recently convicted at Philadelphia for the murder of Benjamin F. Pietzel. If the statements made with regard to this man are true, he is one of the most inhuman monsters that have been seen on earth for many a long day. So far, however, as the recent conviction is concerned, we are inclined to think that his reputation had a good deal to do with it, as the evidence was certainly not of the strongest, and very probably a man of good character would have been given the benefit of the doubt. Judging from the telegraphic newspaper reports, which, however, no one expects in

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