

I know that here in Canada many men would be glad to see women get the Suffrage. It would strengthen the hands of the legislators who would pass laws for the benefit of women and children, while now their hands are tied because the class they would help are unrepresented.

As Union is Strength, let the Canadian women stand together and rise in a body to demand the franchise for their benefit—morally and economically.

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SUFFRAGE AND MORALS

Is it not possible that the compulsion of moral forces is the great propellor of this mighty world-movement? (Of course everyone is entitled to his own opinion—even a woman.) Such seems to be the opinion of the noted Canadian writer, Peter McArthur, who has the courage of his convictions, and manliness enough to announce without shame his conversion to "Woman Suffrage," because he recognizes that the driving impulse of the Woman's Movement is the importance of human life as contrasted with property. He goes on to say, "Women's eyes are opened to see that bread and tea are dear, but flesh and blood are cheap. Boys and girls are sacrificed to the industrial moloch that men have set up. Property, being safe-guarded in every way, works its will with brutish disregard for life or any of the rights of life. Health, happiness, morals and everything that makes life worth while are not worth considering if they stand in the way of triumphant property. Men have developed an entirely false set of ideals, and these are reflected in their governments."

Naturally, therefore, it is the imperative duty of christian men and women to set up and maintain true ideals that shall govern our municipal and provincial administrations. In her booklet—"Towards Liberty"—Lucy Re-Bartlett has expressed her opinion also on the Suffrage Movement very much along

similar lines, and states that in her judgment "Freedom can only be assured to any part of a nation when it is spiritually ready for it." That may be so or not; but we wish to ask if political freedom is a spiritual gift? If so, pray who is to bestow such a gift? Sinful men? How very funny! Surely there must be some misconception. Freedom is woman's birthright! Why does she not possess it? Because it has been stolen from her, and justice demands its restoration. It is matter of history that women could vote under the first constitution of New Jersey from 1776 till 1807, and there is little doubt but that women in England had constitutionally the right to vote prior to the Reform Bill of 1832, as the insertion of the specific word "male" plainly indicated. Then the tremendous stormy protest that followed the action of those otherwise wise men, who judicial decision excluded women from their rights, was sufficient evidence that women had been deeply wronged.

Students of English history know that in Ancient Britain women were the political equals of men, sharing not only the privilege but burdens of the State, and this obtained also during the Saxon and Norman periods. In some cases, peeresses and abbesses were even admitted to Parliament! That spiritual women, champions of righteousness, have at various epochs in the history of woman advocated equal suffrage is a well known fact also. To a good Quaker lady, Anne Kent of Chelmsford, England, is due the honor of forming or causing to be formed, the first woman suffrage society in that country, and which was formed at Sheffield in the year 1857.

Such worthy names as Abigail Adams (wife of John Adams), Mercy Warren, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Susan B. Anthony, Frances Willard, and scores of others on this Continent, and Frances Power Cobbe, Mary Carpenter, Augusta Webster, Florence Nightingale, who headed a memorial to Parliament in 1871, are significant of the fact that righteous souls had been