

He can by law, although a drunkard or profligate, collect the earnings of his minor children, even though he has deserted them, and it is necessary for the mother to get protection orders from the court and have them filed, otherwise her husband's creditors may collect them.

If an unmarried son or daughter dies without a will the father inherits all the estate. The mother inherits nothing unless the estate comes through her. If the father is dead, the estate is distributed in equal portions to the brothers and sisters or their descendants, who inherit their share absolutely, while the mother has only a life interest in her portion. A man can secure a divorce from his wife for a single act of adultery; yet a wife cannot secure one for many acts of adultery, unless coupled with other reasons. I have mentioned but a few of the laws; time and space forbid further quotations.

I do not wish to intimate that men are as unjust as these laws would indicate, yet it cannot be denied that they are man-made laws and protect men rather than women, because they are made from man's standpoint alone. For the last twenty-five years we women, with our "indirect" influence, have discussed these laws with our legislators and our attorney-generals, and they promised "to take them into their careful consideration," and they are still considering them; but no amendments have been brought in by them. In regard to the ballot in the hands of women being the easiest and most effectual way of changing these laws, permit me to say that the ballot is universally conceded to be a means of defence in the hands of the laboring man against the greed of capital. It is the ballot which spells liberty, self-respect and the power to shape the nation's destiny. Is it any wonder that women are asking for the ballot in this Province?

Letter Chains

During the past month a letter chain has been started in connection with the suffrage work. Unlike the usual

letter chain, it does not prophesy evil to the one who does not continue to carry on the chain. It simply asks that the receiver shall send a donation to the Treasurer of the Political Equality League, 202 Campbell Building, and that they also write three letters to three Liberals, asking them to do the same. Who the author of this unique method of enriching the treasury is we have not the faintest idea, but we hope every good Liberal who receives a letter will comply with the request, for our treasury badly needs replenishing; in fact, we require \$500 by June 1st of this year. We trust, however, that the opportunity of assisting the work will not be confined to any one organization, notwithstanding they are Liberal by name and nature, but that all who believe in the justice of our cause will help the work by generous contributions.

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The Injustice of It

In England and Wales there are 11,453,665 males and 4,830,724 females, of which 3,739,532 are unmarried, yet when they ask for the franchise they are told that woman's place is in the home. In the struggle for existence they are competent to hold their own with the physically stronger sex. At the last census there were among the women toilers those engaged in the following occupations:

- 2,150 Law clerks.
- 477 Doctors.
- 231 Blacksmiths.
- 159 Tin miners.
- 86 Plumbers.
- 70 Paperhangers.
- 43 Brewers.
- 42 Coal heavers.
- 25 Farm bailiffs.
- 14 Mason's laborers.
- 7 Limeburners.
- 7 Miners and quarriers.
- 6 Shepherds.
- 5 Tramcar makers.
- 4 Maltsters.
- 4 Gasfitters.
- 3 Clergymen.
- 3 Stablemen.
- 3 Shipwrights.
- 3 Navvies.