

## CHAPTER V.

### DOWER.

An eminent legal authority once remarked that in British Columbia the name Dower Act is a misnomer, as the Act so-called in the Provincial statutes is specially designed to do away with dower.

The last vestige of dower as understood in Ontario and some of the older Provinces, disappeared in British Columbia, January 26th, 1912. The widow can claim no dower from out of any land sold during her husband's lifetime. That is, her husband can sell any of his land without having to secure her signature (bar her dower).

Every other debt, interest and charge has preference before the widow's dower.

She cannot claim dower out of any land if the deed by which her husband purchased it declares that she shall not, or if in any deed executed by him it so says.

The widow may not claim dower if her husband dies partially intestate (i. e., his will does