

by asking either now or at any other time for itemized legislation. Apart from our duty in this respect, such a step would be a mistake in tactics, and for these reasons:

1. Such a step would give the Government justification for saying, "Evidently the women don't really want or expect the Vote, or they would not waste time asking for 'half a loaf.'"

2. It would justify the public in assuming that we lack elementary knowledge of practical politics;

3. If we were to ask for the amendment of a law and were successful, it would do our Cause infinite harm, because it would enable Antis to say, "You see, we get all we want without the Vote; why not trust the Men?"

The time for that sort of action is past. We have come out on solid ground, and all our energies have to be concentrated on **unlocking the door**; not on **calling through the key-hole**—in vain!

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Who Is Canada's Strongest Man?

The eyes of every public-spirited and self-respecting woman in B. C. will be fixed for the next few weeks on one man, to see whether or no he is going to justify our faith in him as the strongest man in Canada.

For there is no doubt that Women are going to have the Vote, and that immediately, and the only question is, which Province is going to inaugurate this great reform first?

Alberta is forging ahead and is quite sure that her man is going to give the lead; we think ours is. We think that we have got the strongest man. We may be wrong. But the next few weeks are going to decide the question, and British Columbia will either be advertised throughout the world as the first Province in Canada to uphold its Women, or will have to fall in line as one of the puny followers on a broken trail. The Men of this Far West have always been Pioneers in the struggle for a wider, freer, greater physical existence. Have they the courage to show themselves Pioneers on a loftier

plane, and break the trail for their Women into a land of moral and social and political freedom?

It is a question of courage after all—and of strength.

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The Price of the Paper.

Our readers will notice that we have had to raise the price of our magazine, but we believe they will all agree that it is still cheap, and that they can manage to afford a dollar a year for it. Old subscribers will, of course, continue to receive it till the end of their term of subscription at the old cost.

The reason of this change is that our publisher (with whose work we were far from satisfied) raised his terms, from \$48 monthly to \$70; and we felt that if we had to pay that, we had better go to the Victoria Publishing Company, where we were sure of the very best work, and where they were in sympathy with our Cause and had already helped us in various generous ways. Their terms are \$75 monthly, and we think our readers will endorse our decision.

Another difficulty we have had to contend with has been the varying moods of advertisers, on whom we have hitherto depended for all expenses. We are so short of helpers free to work for us at the hours when those elusive people are visible, that the business side of the publication—the securing of fresh advertisers, and the collecting of their dues—has had to suffer neglect. If we could devote more time to this branch of the work, we should have as many as we need; but, while this shortage of help continues, we feel it is safer to let the price of the paper help to ensure its income.

If members connected with business firms will try and secure advertisements for us, it will greatly help not only the quality and size of our magazine, but also its circulation. We don't want this to remain at 1000 any longer!

Suppose each reader makes up her or his mind to get us five new subscribers by Easter? It would be quite