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 A COMING LADY SENATOR.

Having gained for their sex the privilege of voting in parliamentary elections the women of Victoria in the southern Commonwealth are determined to take a step in advance. They have presented one of their number as a candidate for one of the six seats in the Senate which are allotted to the State of Victoria. Following the American rather than the Canadian constitution, both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament are chosen by popular vote and as it is stated that women voters are in the majority there seems to be no very good reason why the first lady aspirant to senatorial honors may not have her ambition and that of her sisters gratified. That is if the lady voters will all vote for her, as the natural gallantry of the sterner sex will no doubt prompt many of them also to do.

The Winnipeg Free Press points out that if Australia should in this case secure a lady legislator the fact will be recorded in history as the second case of a woman being elected to the Upper Chamber of a Legislature. The first case was that of Mrs. Martha Hughes Cannon who defeated her own husband in a contest for the State Senate of Utah in 1896. The incident serves to show what may happen under adult suffrage without distinction of sex. Many a husband has a wife not only more gifted but more popular as well than he, and popularity is a prime requisite in a candidate for the votes of the electorate. And when in the days to come the five o'clock tea table has become political and our Senate elective, the Red Chamber at Ottawa may have its regular sessions graced with the charm and beauty which are now only in evidence there on the days of opening and prorogation. In these happy days none will dare to speak, as some have irreverently spoken in the past of the "old ladies of the Senate."

Mr. Pope in his biography of the late Sir John Macdonald relates that the Chief Justice was fond of citing the following historic incident as illustrating his idea of the value of a second chamber:
 "It is said that on his return from France, Jefferson called Washington to account for having agreed to a second chamber.
 "Of what use is the Senate if he asked, as he stood before the fire with a cup of tea in his hand, pouring the tea into the saucer, as he spoke.
 "You have answered your own question," replied Washington.
 "What do you mean?"

"Why did you pour tea into your saucer?"
 "To cool it," quoth Jefferson.
 "Even so," said Washington, "the Senate is the saucer into which we pour legislation to cool."
 "This illustration, Sir John used to say, was perfect."
 Perhaps the illustration drawn from this cup of tea if frequently repeated may serve to awaken the hitherto latent ambition of the women of Canada to become voters and legislators. Whether that would be a good thing or otherwise, we are left to assume that whenever the majority of the women of the Dominion shall demand the voting franchise they will get it. The right to be elected must follow in due time. At any rate it is of interest to note that the pioneer lady candidate for parliamentary honors within the British Empire is in the field. Should she be elected her public career will be watched with great interest from far beyond the boundaries of Victoria as well as within its borders.

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