

d) Depression Conditions

The Bennett New Deal: Fraud or Portent, Wilcox, J.R.H., Issues in Canadian History Series, Zaslow, Morris, gen. ed., Copp Clark, Toronto, 1968.

Material on Depression conditions, commentary on Bennett programme, outlines proposed legislation.

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The Canadian Economy in the Great Depression, Safarin, G.E., Carleton Library, McClelland and Stewart, Toronto, 1970.

Economic history, gives national overview of cycles in Depression, unemployment, import and export markets, regional material. Details each period the downswing of 1929-1933, recovery of 1933-1937 and stagnation until War. Useful in relation to female job sectors.

Depression Stories, Hutcheson, Stanley, New Star Books, Vancouver, 1976.

Impact of Depression on B.C.: Interior, Kootenays, work in camps, unemployed women in the hobbo 'jungles', women teaching in 'jungles'; conditions for hospital workers; domestic labour; relief.

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Wages and Hours of Work in Canada, 1929, 1934-1935, Canadian Department of Labour, Canada Government.

Scales of hours and pay rates - not broken down by sex but it is possible by comparing data which locates women workers in sectors to develop an overview of women's hours and wages; for example, in 1934, a telephone operator earned \$4.50/week for a 48/hour week, this compared to \$5.00/hour for a 45/hour week in 1929, before the Depression.

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The Wretched of Canada - Letters to R.B. Bennett, Grayson, L.M. and Bliss, Michael, editors, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1977.

Letters from people suffering during the Depression to Bennett (P.M.). Includes letter from Vancouver woman day worker, "we are in rags". People beg for relief. Also includes Bennett's replies.

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f) Unions

Labour Organization in Canada, 1932, 1938, 1939; Canadian Dept. of Labour, Canada Government, Ottawa

Annual reports excerpted from the Labour Gazette. Statistical material on organization by industry, types of unions, proportions of women organized, for example, there were 733 women in unions in B.C. in 1932; 1,371 in 1938, and 1,121 in 1939. Includes listing of union officers.

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