

Women in the Canadian Labour Force: The Union Response, Pentland-Smith, Janice Y., August 1977, Thesis

Participation of women in the labour force and trade union response. Looks at benefits of unionization for women workers. Suggests that unions must take into account women's position on the labour market (reserve army of labour) and demands outside of production in order to meet women workers' needs. Describes increasing consciousness of trade union women. History of SORWUC as response to women workers' needs. Looks at both mythical and real barriers to women becoming class conscious (internalization of self-image of non-worker; type of production women located in and organizational constraints; lack of seriousness towards women's work in society etc.) Sees changing role of women in unions, also reflected in demands. Survey taken of union contracts for built-in sex bias (e.g. use of male pronouns).

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Women's Labour Research Project - SFU, 1978, Diamond, Sara.

A series of taped interviews about the experience of women trade unionists in the period covered by this bibliography: 1935 - 1950. The tapes are in the Simon Fraser University Library and are accompanied by a guide. Interviewees include members of the IWA, Shipyard and General Workers Union, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, Steelworkers Organizing Committee, Office and Technical Employees Union amongst others.