

Women's Labour History Project

Summer 1979

This summer, the Women's Labour History Project has accomplished a number of tasks. A set of thirty-four tapes have been completed; with five additional tapes to be completed in September and October of 1979. These latter tapes were delayed through illness or vacation schedules of the subjects. In addition to eight tapes completed last summer, this will bring the total to forty-two completed tapes, or approximately eighty-five hours of tape with an additional ten to be completed this fall. Several of the tapes include more than one interview subject. Five women gave personal interviews which they asked not be taped.

The tapes from this summer will be duplicated by the Provincial Archives of B.C. Sound Archives and will be deposited, with tape outlines, in the Archives. Deposits will also be made to the Simon Fraser University Library and the B.C. Federation of Labour Library.

A short precis of each tape is included with this report, briefly detailing the history of the women interviewed and the highlights of the tape.

The Annotated Bibliography, produced last summer through a grant from the Dept. of Labour, was updated twice this summer and after additions from the Provincial Archives of B.C. and current research will be published late in the fall. This is being made possible through money from the B.C. Women's History Writers Association. This foundation has also provided funds for the distribution of the published Bibliographies to public institutions, and for a start in transcribing the taped material.

The tapes will be transcribed over the course of the year and preparations are underway for publications of the transcript with additional contextual research, in book form. A short article on Women in the B.C. Labour Movement was published by Kenesis in June, 1979. As well, the material was used in a radio series on Vancouver Cooperative Radio this summer. It will be presented at Langara this fall at a conference for working women.