

1920 married women in Quebec have acquired legal status similar to that of women in other parts of Canada.

Politics

Canadian women were first given the right to vote in 1910 in the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. This example was soon followed in the other provinces, with the exception of Quebec, where women did not obtain the right to vote until 1940.

Women obtained the right to be appointed to the Senate following a decision by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in England in 1927.

Canada now has nine women in the 104-member Senate, 16, including one Liberal minister and the Speaker, in the House of Commons, and 14, including 12 Cabinet ministers, in provincial legislatures.

Women's organizations

There are many women's organizations in Canada involved in public activities in furtherance of particular interests of women. In addition to these voluntary organizations, there are several created by the federal and provincial governments.

In 1954 the federal government set up the Women's Bureau, transferred to the Department of Labour, and assigned it the task of studying the status of women in the Canadian labour force, preparing reports on the subject,

and having advisory bodies set up to study and report on the status of women in various fields.

Apart from organizations such as those listed on page 10, there are many other social agencies of both the federal and provincial levels to help women in their work and in their domestic and family life. The federal government has established a number of commissions, boards and committees to study and report on the status of women in various fields. In 1964 the federal government set up the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, which reported in 1970. This commission was the first of its kind in Canada. It was the first time that a government commission was set up to study the status of women in the country.

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