

10 - Mrs. Forbes

- Mrs. Forbes spoke of her personal experience as a deserted wife.
- Trust companies are willing to give a mortgage to a woman but the banks refuse to provide the money if there is no male guarantor. Furthermore, a deserted wife cannot keep her credit cards or her telephone in her own name.
- Alimony is not paid by the husband even when there is a court order against him.

11 - One speaker would like tax exemptions for children raised from \$250. to \$750. or \$950. to help women save their marriage or prevent desertion. She said that Mrs. Grace MacInnis, M.P. has presented a private bill on this question to the Federal Government.

- Widows, divorcees and deserted wives should be retrained to permit them to support themselves and their family.

12 - One Commissioner said that she was informed via the open line that in the Victoria banks, women could only accede to the position of head teller.

- A member of the audience answered that a few years ago a woman had been manager of the Imperial Bank of Victoria.
- This speaker said that nursing homes' fees are exorbitant for older women.
- Medicare should provide for people who are chronically ill.

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