while only one line or two are related to the status of women. This example gives to the new Canadian a bad first image of the status of Canadian women.

- 5 One speaker mentioned that women from low income groups are discriminated against. Their wages are so low that if they have to pay for the services of a baby-sitter or housekeeper it does not pay them to go out to work.
  - Women in politics should not hold office solely in fields connected with the family.
  - If more women were in politics the status of women would improve.
- 6 One speaker said that women should educate themselves in political matters by attending legislative sessions and listening to debates. They should also participate in all civic meetings of a provincial or federal nature.
- 7 Mrs. Garman

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- Hairdressers who belong to the Hairdressers Association earn only \$40. to \$45. a week.
- Indian girls should have the opportunity to be clerks in department stores.
- Night courses in family life should be given to encourage happy family living.
- 8 One speaker said that women should be informed that since they constitute a large portion of the labour force, they could exert more influence in society.

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- The Equal Pay for Equal Work Act should be studied.
- 9 Miss Evans
  - One Commissioner mentioned that the Commission had been informed via the open line that spinsters, divorcees and separated women had to have a male guarantor for a mortgage when purchasing a house. Miss Evans stated that she had this experience with a trust company who did not give any reason for its behaviour. However, women are permitted to assume the responsibility of an existing mortgage when buying a house.

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