

Women's Days Are Never Done

"These tender-hearted and chivalrous gentlemen who tell you of their adoration for women cannot bear to think of women occupying public positions. Their tender hearts shrink from the idea of women lawyers or women policemen, or even women preachers; these positions would 'rub the bloom off the peach' to use their own eloquent words. They cannot bear, they say, to see women leaving the sacred precincts of home — yet their offices are scrubbed by women who do their work while other people sleep — poor women who leave the sacred precincts of home to earn enough to keep the breath of life in them, who carry their scrub pails home, through the deserted streets, long after the cars have stopped running. They are exposed to cold, to hunger, to insult — poor souls — is there pity left for them? Not that we have heard of. The tender-hearted ones can bear this with equanimity. It is the thought of women getting into comfortable and well-paid positions which wrings their manly hearts. . . ."
Nellie McClung, In Times Like These.

Ms. McClung wrote that in 1915.

Now five women of Saskatoon — June Bantjes,
Nellie McClung,

Beth Foster, Gwen Gray, Colleen Pollreis and Erin Shoemaker — have commemorated her and other Canadian women achievers in "HER-STORY", a Canadian women's calendar, published by Women's Press Publications.

The calendar is full of lively quotes from Ms. McClung and others and photographs of pioneers of the Women's Movement — from Lucille Mullah, Champion Lady Steer Roper of the World (Winnipeg Stampede, 1913), to Emily Howard Stowe, who applied to the University of Toronto for admission to their Medical College in the 1860's and was turned down because medical schools were closed to women. "Then I will make it the business of my life to see that they will be opened," she said, and did. She graduated from New York Medical College for Women and became Canada's first practicing woman physician.

Here are a few photos from the calendar. It also marks the days of the year with the anniversaries of notable actions and the births and deaths of notable women. It can be purchased for \$3 from The Women's Press, 280 Bloor St., W. Ste. 305, Toronto, Ont.

