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THE COLLECTION
OF CHILLIWACK COUNCIL OF WOMEN
1927 - 1983

INTRODUCTION

The collection relating to the Chilliwack Council of Women dates from 1927 to 1983. The material in the collection was created or collected by the members of the association. They reflect the issues women were interested in during this period of time. It also reveals how women transmitted to government agencies their views on political and economic matters, and their concerns in health, welfare, and education.

The first transfer of the collection was made after 1979, to be followed by a second one in 1983. The collection consists of correspondence, minutes, yearbooks and treasury accounts, and other printed material.

Access to the material is open.

Extent: 5 boxes -- 86 cm.

*For minutes of the Chilliwack Council of Women,
1927-1933, see Add. MSS. 264.*

HISTORY

of the Chilliwack Council of Women.

The Chilliwack Council of Women was formed in 1927 on the initiative of the Provincial Council of Women. The Council of Women was an umbrella organization of members from different clubs and associations in the area. Five organizations made this beginning in 1927 to increase over the years to 42 associated clubs.

During the worst depression years there was a low ebb in activity of the Council to be revived again in 1934, when 7 more clubs joined. A marked increase took place in the 1940s when 11 clubs joined the Council of Women. In the 1950s the strength of the Council increased with 7 new clubs in the association; but in the 1960s only 3 clubs entered the Council of Women. In the 1970s a new increase was marked by 8 new entries.

The main interests of the Chilliwack Council of Women were in health, citizenship, laws, housing and township planning, community affairs, finances, education, economics, international affairs, arts and letters, social welfare, and in later years mass media. The association informed its members in these fields. They also canvassed and set up needed facilities for local purposes.

The association folded in 1982 with the explanation that many goals had been obtained, also, that today professional institutions were pursuing tasks otherwise taken up by the Council of Women. Too many women have drifted into the work force unable to run for office.

