Social Conditions

Let us tell the people we meet, that there are girls working in our cities for \$6 to \$7 a week. Let us spend a little time figuring out what a girl can live on in decency we will find it more than double that sum.

Nellie McClung as cited in *HerStory, An Exhibition, Nellie McClung.* Source: <http://library.usask.ca/herstory/nellie.html>



[How dare you] ask a man to go out and risk his life and when he returns, calmly request him to hand in his uniform, and in exchange hand him a pittance that will reduce a once self-respecting citizen to a miserable pauper, dependent on either charity or friends.

Helen Armstrong, as cited in CBC History, Voices of Discontent.
 Source:
 http://history.cbc.ca/history/?MIval=Section.html&series_id=1&episode_id=12&chapter_id=3&lang=E

[It is] the introduction of feminism under its most noxious guise: the voter-woman, who will soon spawn the man-woman, that hybrid and repugnant monster who will kill the mother-woman and the wife-woman.

- Henri Bourassa, editor of the influential newspaper, Le Devoir, 1918, as cited in CBC History, Voices of Discontent: Source:
 http://history.cbc.ca/history/?MIval=Section.html&series_id=1&episode_id=12&chapter_id=3&lang=E>
- Employers will not recognize a trade union that sent fraternal greetings to Russia!
- Bolshevism* will not confine itself to Russia, Austria, Germany, Spain, the Balkans!
- We will not tolerate these foreigners and aliens coming here and telling our brave citizens how to run our country!
- Bargaining rights must be left in the hands of the employers! Do not listen to the Bolshevik rabble rousers!
 - Imagined shouts in an anti-labour parade in Ann Henry's play *Lulu Street*, about the Winnipeg General Strike in 1919.

**Bolshevism* refers to a political party representing the workers that overthrew the Russian government in 1917. Many government leaders in Canada feared that immigrants from eastern Europe were "Bolsheviks" who wanted to influence workers to create unrest through labour unions and strikes in order to start an armed rebellion against the government.