

Canadian Women's Archives

CANADIAN WOMEN'S ARCHIVES is to be a regular feature of Atlantis and is designed to give a voice to Canadian women who, in the past, have had something to say about the role and condition of women. Diaries, letters, oral history and government documents are just a few of the sources that might usefully be tapped to enhance our understanding of women's history. The Editors of Atlantis urge readers to search attics, archives and ash-cans for such material and submit it for publication.

Esther Clark Wright was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, in 1895. Twenty-one years later she graduated from Acadia University, which in 1884 had become the second university in Canada to grant degrees to women. She continued her studies at Harvard University receiving her Ph.D. in economics in 1931. Dr. Wright is a prolific writer best known for her work on the history of settlement and shipping in New Brunswick. The following article, "Women and the State," is a transcript of a speech delivered in 1939 by Dr. Wright to the Wolfville branch of the University Women's Club of Canada.

