

MEMORANDUM

To: Lissa
From: Sabrina
Re: Canadian women/quotes
Date: February 22, 1995

Quotes

"It is wonderful to feel the grandness of Canada in the raw, not because she is Canada but because she is something sublime that you were born into, some great rugged power that you are a part of." Emily Carr, Canadian singer, songwriter, poet, quoted from *Hundreds and Thousands*, April 16, 1937.

"But by our lights be we spirit,
And by our hearts be we women,
And by our eyes be we open.
And by our hands be we wide."
Ferron, Canadian singer & songwriter, quoted from "Testimony" 1980.

"Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult." Charlotte Whitton, Canadian politician, writer, and former mayor of Ottawa, quoted from *Canada Month*, June 1963.

Canadian Women

Aline Chretien (attending): wife of the Prime Minister, she is described as "poised and dignified." She avoids the limelight, and has stood by her husband's side throughout his career. She says, "What I like is to be in the background. But now...if he's more in the limelight, I'm always with him...But this is not my nature. This is not my style." (*The Ottawa Citizen* 1/9/93)

Sheila Copps (attending): Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment. Considered one of the most powerful woman in the country, Ms. Copps says, "I'm an aggressive person. I'm just as aggressive as I was when I got to Ottawa nine years ago...I love to scrap." She does concede, however, that she has mellowed, and that "You eventually learn that not everything in this world is black and white. When you're 20, you have all the answers, and when you're 40, you have all the questions." She has also made it clear anyone concerned that her 6-year-old daughter comes first in her life. It is because of her that Copps refuses to attend all breakfast meetings, and keeps her work week to a 60-hour

maximum. (*The Ottawa Citizen* 11/7/93)

Claire L'Heureux Dube (attending): A member of the Supreme Court, she is an important reform-minded presence, especially in social policy matters. Last may she helped write the Court's decision that the best interests of a child are the most important consideration in adoption cases.

Jocelyne Bourgon (attending): Clerk of the Privy Council, the most senior post in the federal public service, and the first woman to have the job. She is in charge of over 200,000 public servants.

Nellie McClung

Feminist, activist, wife, and mother, Nellie McClung led the women's suffrage movement in Canada in the early part of this century, battling for votes for women in Manitoba, Alberta, and Dominion. She campaigned in the Temperance movement and was determined to see women ordained as ministers in the United Church of Canada. She is particularly known for her involvement in the "Persons Case," the decision taken in 1929 by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in England that women were indeed "persons" under the provisions of the British North America Act. The decision led to the appointment of the first woman senator, Cairine Wilson.

Whenever she saw social injustice, Nellie McClung took action. As she said of herself in her declining years, she was "like an old fire-horse when he hears the fire alarm." During the 1930's she badgered the Dominion Government to admit Jewish refugees. When Japanese Canadians were harassed and robbed by the government during World War II, she campaigned for them in Vancouver. When demobilization occurred, she argued that state nurseries should remain open so that women could retain the choice of being employed outside the home.

Called a "disgrace to motherhood" and "calamity Nell" by the press, Nellie McClung died in Victoria in 1951. Even with all she worked for and accomplished, she considered her children and grandchildren her greatest achievements. (*The Ottawa Citizen* 2/12/94)

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*Embassy of the United States of America*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patti Solis

FROM: Janet Blanchard

RE: Suggested Invitees for Mrs. Clinton's Breakfast at the U. S. Ambassador's Residence

DATE: February 8, 1995

I think that it is important to give you some background information on the suggested invitees to Hillary's breakfast. Because of the unusual relationship between Canada and the U. S., (1) it is our largest trading partner, (2) we share the longest unguarded boundary in the world, and (3) they are our closest ally and best friend, I feel it is important that we include as many Canadian friends as possible, without, of course, overwhelming Hillary.

Our regular dining room table can comfortably seat 20. I am, however, recommending instead that we use four tables of eight people for a total of 32 invitees to the breakfast. This also fits within our dining room. The list would include, the Prime Minister's wife, prominent women members of the media, Canada's most prominent writer, an Inuit artist, an African Canadian member of parliament, a dean of a law school, a university president, the Canadian health minister, members of the Supreme Court, a businesswoman, a health researcher, an actress, an Ambassador, and spouses of members of parliament and cabinet ministers who have all been very helpful to me in the U.S./Canadian relationship.

I have also taken into account geographic location of the invitees, the inclusion of anglophones and francophones, minorities and the Inuit population in order to achieve the appropriate balance. I believe it is a well rounded list. Please let me know if I can provide you with additional information. I would like to begin telephone calls to the invitees this Friday, the 10th of February. I await your decision.

SUGGESTED INVITEES
MRS. CLINTON'S BREAKFAST
U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE
FEBRUARY 24, 1995
8:45 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

1. **Hillary Rodham Clinton**
2. **Aline Chretien, wife of the Prime Minister**
3. **Kay Chretien, wife of the Canadian Ambassador to the U. S.**
4. **Janet Blanchard, wife of the U. S. Ambassador to Canada, host**
5. **Sheila Copps, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Environment**
6. **Jocelyne Bourgon, top civil servant. The Clerk of the Privy Council and boss of more than 200,000 bureaucrats. She is the first woman to hold this position.**
7. **Chaviva Hosek, policy director for the Prime Minister. She was co-author of the Liberal Party's Red Book, which is the platform for Jean Chretien's government.**
8. **Claire L'Heureux-Dube', member of the Supreme Court. She is a former Quebec Superior Court judge and is an important reform minded presence on the Supreme Court, especially in social policy matters. Last May she helped write the court's decision that the best interests of a child are the most important consideration in adoption cases.**
9. **Beverly McLachlin, member of the Supreme Court from Alberta. She is considered liberal on most issues. She wrote an opinion in the Sue Rodriguez case that would have granted the right to assisted suicide.**
10. **Diane Francis, Editor of The Financial Post (The Wall Street Journal of Canada). She is the most visible figure in Canadian journalism with columns in The Financial Post, The Sun chain and Macleans magazine, three best selling books and regular TV and radio appearances. She is a right-winger, and an American who has been living in Canada for 20 years.**

11. **Lise Blsonette**, Publisher, Le DeVair, most influential newspaper in Quebec.
12. **Rona Maynard**, Editor, Chatelaine magazine (the only women's magazine in Canada).
13. **Jean Piggott**, Former Senator and Chairperson of The Center for Studies of Children at Risk, Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals, Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.
14. **Margaret Atwood**, writer. She has the largest international reputation of any Canadian writer, male or female. Besides her eight novels, she has published poetry, short stories and essays. Her commitment to human rights is reflected in her involvement in the writers' group PEN as an active letter-writer to governments jailing political prisoners.
15. **Deborah Hanscom**, an attorney who grew up in Maryland. She is married to Justice Minister Allan Rock.
16. **Heather Peterson**, from Toronto, wife of a member of parliament. She is active in the arts and politics. She was Director of Personnel for the former Premier of Ontario.
17. **Estrellita Karsh**, An American living in Ottawa. She is a well-known health researcher, who is married to the famous portrait photographer, Yousuf Karsh.
18. **Shella Martin**, from Montreal, wife of the Minister of Finance.
19. **Edith Ouellet**, from Quebec, wife of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
20. **Penny Collenette**, from Toronto, Director of Personnel for the Prime Minister, wife of the Minister of Defense.
21. **Shelly Peterson**, Actress, starred in sitcom DOG HOUSE, wife of former Premier of Ontario.
22. **Mary Simon**, In October she was appointed as Canada's first Arctic Ambassador. She is the first aboriginal person to become a Canadian Ambassador. She is proposing a Arctic Council and recently lobbied senior state department officials on the need for the council.

23. **Jean Augustine**, member of parliament from Toronto. She is the most prominent female African Canadian. She was picked by Prime Minister Jean Chretien to be his parliamentary secretary.
24. **Heather Relsman**, businesswoman from Toronto. Formerly the President of Cott Corporation, a soda pop manufacturer with more than \$650 million in worldwide sales. She is now President of her own company. She is also a Liberal Party advisor.
25. **Kenojvak Ashevak**, from Toronto, Inuit print artist.
26. **Marsha Hannon**, President of the University of Winnipeg.
27. **France Chretien**, from Montreal, she is the daughter of the Prime Minister and Mrs. Chretien.
28. **Lee McLaren**, an American from South Carolina. She served in the American Foreign Service where she met her husband, Roy, who was serving in the Canadian Foreign Service. Her husband is the Canadian Minister of Trade.
29. **Her Worship Jackie Holzman**, Mayor of Ottawa.
30. **Diane Marleau**, Canadian Minister of Health. Oversees Canada's health care system.
31. **Louise Ferchette**, former Canadian Ambassador to the UN and presently Associate Deputy Minister of Finance.
32. **Lynn Smith**, Dean of the University of British Columbia Law School. Named one of Canada's 20 most powerful lawyers. She recently led two committees that helped standardize employee relations in B.C.'s health and education systems.