

Chapter 2: Entering a New Century: 1900 – 1914 (pgs. 19 – 62)

1.3: Changes in Society

Social Inequality and Racism at the Turn of the Century:

- The negative side of urbanization and immigration.
- People were divided by their work and by their wealth.
- “*The rich were very rich.*”
- Ex: **Sir Henry Pellatt**. – built Casa Loma in Toronto.
- Bottom of economic ladder, were the recent immigrants.

Child Labour:

- Industries pay a child less for the same labour done by an adult.
- Union fought for protection of child labour, also to ensure that they didn’t take the job away from an adult.
- Unions discriminated against minorities, immigrants, and women.
- Child Labour Law passed (1908).
- Number of children (age 10-14) working in Canadian factories increased in the years 1900-1910.
- Thousands of children continued to labour on farms.

Native People also faced Difficulties:

1. Losing their traditional way of life.
2. Forced to move onto reserves.
3. Buffalo were almost extinct and settlers moving into their lands out West.
4. European diseases killing many off.
5. Children forced to go to **RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**.

Women in the Early 20th Century:

- Were treated as **2nd** class citizens.
- Expected to work only in certain jobs, were restricted in terms of educational choices, and could not vote.
- Poor women became domestic servants.
- But over time, the **SUFFERAGE MOVEMENT** began.
- Their goal was to improve woman’s situation in society.

➤ **Women like:**

1. **Dr. Emily Stowe:**

- Created the **Toronto Women's Literary Club**.
- Purpose was to teach women their rights.
- They struggled for laws to improve wages and working conditions for women.

2. **Adelaide Hoodless:**

- World's 1st Women's Institute.
- Group of farm women who organized themselves to study nutrition, child care, household management, and sanitation.

3. **Nellie McClung:**

- Canada's most famous **SUFFERETTE**.
- Got started in the Women's Christian Temperance Union (*WCTU*).
- Wanted to stop problems created by alcohol in society.