

# For the record...

## On being a woman involved in parliamentary politics

*"If a male Member of Parliament says anything foolish it is forgotten the next day, but if a woman does it, it is repeated endlessly, right across the country."*

Ellen Fairclough, MP and the first woman to serve in the federal cabinet  
 Source: *Electing a Diverse Canada: The Representation of Immigrants, Minorities, and Women* by Caroline Andrew, John Biles, Myer Siemiatycki and Erin Tolley



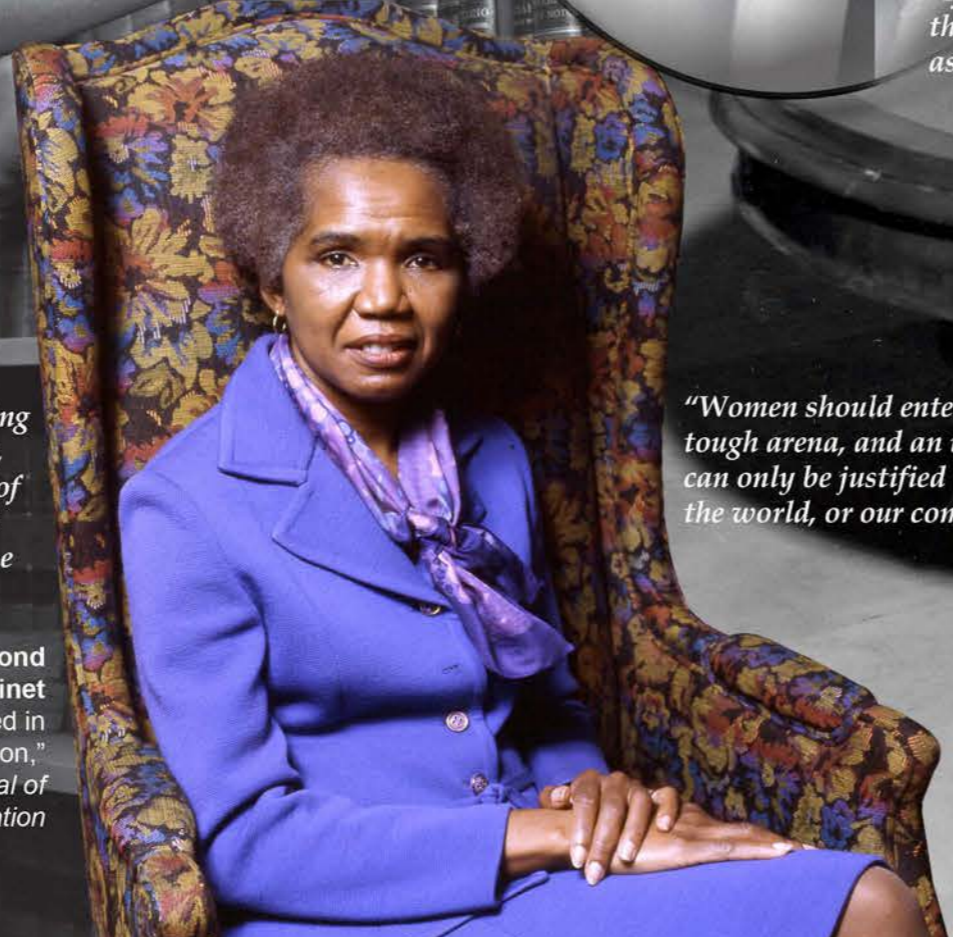
*"If politics mean... the effort to secure through legislative action better conditions of life for the people, greater opportunities for our children and other people's children... then it most assuredly is a woman's job as much as it is a man's job."*

Irene Parlby, Alberta MLA,  
 second woman to serve as a cabinet minister in the British Empire  
 Source: Famous5.ca



*"Columnists ask me about anything and everything except my job: my home, my cooking, my hobbies, my friends, my tastes, my likes and dislikes. All of them became public, property to a degree suffered by none of my colleagues, including the new Prime Minister."*

Judy LaMarsh, MP and the second woman to serve in the federal cabinet  
 Source: Judy LaMarsh Memoirs quoted in "Wielding Political Clout: A Panel Discussion," *The Electronic Journal of Communication*



*"Women should enter politics to bring about change. It's a tough arena, and an unpleasant one. The sacrifices called for can only be justified on the grounds that we are indeed making the world, or our community, a better place than it is."*

Rosemary Brown,  
 British Columbia MLA  
 Source: section15.ca

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