



Edith Rogers (1876-1947) Edith Rogers was the first woman ever elected to the Manitoba Legislature. In 1916 the Manitoba government passed a law allowing women to vote for the first time. Four years later, in 1920, Rogers was elected as a member of the Liberal party. Edith Rogers also helped to make Manitoba's Child Welfare Act into law.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith_Rogers_\(Canadian_politician\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith_Rogers_(Canadian_politician))

Thelma Forbes (1910 -)

Thelma Forbes was the first woman to be a cabinet minister in the Manitoba Legislature. She served from 1959 to 1969 as Minister of three different departments. Thelma Forbes was also the first woman to serve as Speaker in the Manitoba Legislature.

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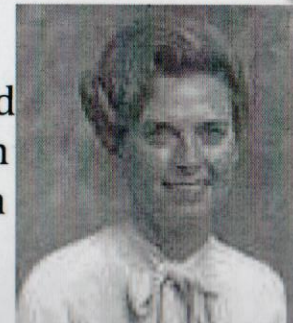
Manitoba's "First Women"

Margaret Konantz (1899-1967)

Margaret Konantz was the daughter of Edith Rogers. She was the first woman from Manitoba to be elected to the Canadian House of Commons. She represented the people of Winnipeg South from 1963 to 1965. In 1965, Margaret Konantz became the national chair for UNICEF Canada.

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Pearl McGonigal (1929 -) Pearl McGonigal was the first woman to be appointed as Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. She held this position from 1981 to 1986. Pearl McGonigal also worked as the Manitoba chair of the Council for Canadian Unity. She was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1994 and the Order of Manitoba in 2000.



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