

4) Women's Suffrage Movement

Suffrage is the right to vote and women's groups like the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) in Newfoundland had been fighting for women's suffrage since the 1800s.

- ❖ With so many women demonstrating capability and resourcefulness in the war effort through work with the WPA and the VAD, women's groups began a renewed campaign for the right to vote shortly after the war .



- ❖ Suffragists had to overcome a number of negative attitudes from the male controlled government and church
- ❖ Men generally felt that a woman's place was in the home and should not become involved with politics or social issues.
- ❖ Newfoundland still denied women the right to vote even though women in other parts of the British Empire could vote by 1920.
- ❖ In 1921, women won the right to vote in St. John's municipal elections, but had to own property, leaving many disenfranchised.
- ❖ In 1925, a law was finally passed which allowed all women 25 years of age and older to vote in Newfoundland elections.

