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AGNES CAMPBELL MACPHAIL

1890-1954

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Sisters of the late Agnes Macphail

The first woman elected to the parliament of Canada was born on a nearby farm in Proton Township, Grey County. In 1919 women had received the right to sit in the Federal House, and in that year Agnes Macphail joined the United Farmers of Ontario. Elected as a Progressive for Grey in 1921, she retained her seat until 1940. A strong and eloquent speaker, she always maintained her independence from party policies, and was concerned mainly with Agricultural affairs, Prison Reform and the Welfare of the Aged. In 1942 she joined the Provincial C.C.F. Party, and represented East York in the Ontario Legislature from 1943-45 and 1948-51.