

**Patrice Pratt Fonds**

**An inventory of records held by BC Labour Heritage Centre**

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**Dates:** 1978-2002

**Physical Description:** Physical Description: 10 cm. Textual records, 25 posters, 3 calendars, ephemera

**Administrative History:**

Patrice Eileen Pratt was both in Akron, Ohio, USA on March 17, 1948. She was raised in Phoenix, Arizona from the age of seven to eighteen. In 1969, she immigrated to Canada, and attended the University of Manitoba in 1970. On November 27, 1974, Pratt became a naturalized Canadian Citizen. In Manitoba, Pratt worked with both the Manitoba Health Services Commission and the Manitoba Government Employees Association.

In the mid-1970s Pratt relocated to British Columbia where she worked with the British Columbia Government Employees' Union (BCGEU) from 1976 until 2007. She held several positions within the Union as committee chair and member, Staff Representative, Officer, and Director. Pratt was also involved in the B.C. Federation of Labour (BC Fed), including as Coordinator of Operation Solidarity in Victoria, B.C. in 1983. In February of 2007, Pratt retired from the BCGEU.

**Scope/Content:** The fonds mainly covers Pratt's union career and some of the major issues she was involved in, including the Charlottetown Accord, free trade, and women as union members. The collection includes union and related publications and several posters for progressive and labour events.

Union buttons and pins were transferred to BCLHC pin collection. One book was transferred to BCLHC library. Cassette tapes were transferred to BCLHC Audio Visual collection

**Title Source:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

**Finding Aid:** File list and inventory available

**Names:** B.C. Government Employees' Union (BCGEU)  
B.C. Federation of Labour  
National Union of Provincial Government Employees (NUPGE)  
Charlottetown Accord (1992)  
Free trade  
NAFTA  
International Women's Day

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File List:

Ref Code	Title	Dates	Container
<b>2020.1</b>	<b>Patrice Pratt Fonds</b>		
2020.1.1	Biographical Material on Full-time Female Employees of Unions Attending CLC Convention - 1978	July 10, 1978	3
<b>2020.1.2</b>	<b>Free Trade</b>		3
2020.1.2.1	BCGEU submission to the Select Standing Committee on Economic Development, Science, Labour, Training and Technology (NAFTA) by John T. Shields, President, B.C. Government Employees' Union	n.d.	3
2020.1.2.2	BC Federation of Labour Focus on Free Trade Fact Sheets	May 1991	3
2020.1.2.2.1	#1 Canada US Mexico Fast Tracking Negotiations	May 1991	3
2020.1.2.2.2	#2 Job Loss Under Free Trade	May 1991	3
2020.1.2.2.3	#3 Toxins in the Maquiladoras What's the Real Cost	May 1991	3
2020.1.2.2.4	#4 Women in the Maquiladora	May 1991	3
2020.1.2.2.5	#5 Canada-Mexico Free Trade the Impact on British Columbia's Economy	May 1991	3
<b>2020.1.3</b>	<b>Charlottetown Accord</b>	1992	
2020.1.3.1	Our New Home: Canada's Future a Public Service Response, National Union of Provincial Government Employees, Public Service Alliance of Canada	n.d.	3
2020.1.3.2	As a British Columbian. As a Canadian. Never has it meant so much. Province of British Columbia	1991	3
2020.1.3.3	NUPGE Highlights and Comments on the Consensus Report on the Constitution Charlottetown, August 20, 1992, Final Text	1992	3
2020.1.3.4	Constitutional Opinion, Raj Anand to Glenn Leckie, NUPGE Re: Charlottetown Accord	1992	3

2020.1.3.5	John T. Shields, President, BCGEU letter to members with special edition of The Provincial newspaper [Vol. 40, No. 8], bumper sticker	1992	3
2020.1.3.6	Information: The CLC and the Constitutional Package	1992	3
<b>2020.1.4</b>	<b>Publications - Labour</b>		
2020.1.4.1	The Straight Facts, Robert White, President Canadian Labour Congress	1994	3
2020.1.4.2	A Tribute to John Fryer, June 16, 1990, St. John's Newfoundland	1990	3
2020.1.4.3	Protesters' Guide to the Law and Civil Disobedience in British Columbia by Leo McGrady QC	2002	3
2020.1.4.4	We Want our Wages: A Case for the regulation of the "open shop" Construction Industry in British Columbia, BC Carpenters Union	1995	3
<b>2020.1.4.5</b>	<b>BC Federation of Labour 'Sisterhood'</b>	<b>1991-1997</b>	3
2020.1.4.5.1	BC Federation of Labour 'Sisterhood' Vol 15, No 2, February 28, 1991	1991	3
2020.1.4.5.2	BC Federation of Labour 'Sisterhood' Vol 17, No 11, February 10, 1994	1994	3
2020.1.4.5.3	BC Federation of Labour 'Sisterhood' Vol 19, No. 4, April 4, 1996	1996	3
2020.1.4.5.4	BC Federation of Labour 'Sisterhood' Vol 19, No. 2, March 6, 1997	1997	3
2020.1.4.6	Fighting for Equality, BCGEU	1990	3
2020.1.4.7	International Women's Day Weavers of World Rights, Statement, Letter	1996	3
2020.1.4.8	The Provincial, June 2002, Vol 50, No. 5	2002	3
2020.1.4.9	Bulletin Board, BC Federation of Labour, Vol 13, No. 14, August 25, 1994	1994	3
<b>2020.1.5</b>	<b>Publications - External</b>		
2020.1.5.1	Joy Langan MP, Labour Report, Special Edition	1993	3
2020.1.5.2	Pacific Current February 1995	1995	3
2020.1.5.3	A Brief History of the Simon Fraser University Labour Program	1995	3
2020.1.5.4	Rights and Responsibilities in a Changing Workplace: A Review of Employment Standards in British Columbia by Mark Thompson	1994	3

<b>2020.1.6</b>	<b>Ephemera</b>		
2020.1.6.1	BCGEU Union Shop card	n.d.	3
2020.1.6.2	BCGEU International Women's Day Ribbons (7 colours)	n.d.	3
2020.1.6.3	Conservation Creates Jobs bumper sticker	n.d.	3
2020.1.6.4	Operation Solidarity Speak Out Before It's Too Late window card,	1983	3
2020.1.6.5	Small Mac Paps flag	n.d.	3
2020.1.6.6	CLC December 6 Remembrance Armband	n.d.	3
<b>2020.1.7</b>	<b>Posters</b>		
2020.1.7.1	A Socialist Calendar 1981 [Boag Foundation]	1981	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.2	A Socialist Calendar 1983 [Boag Foundation]	1981	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.3	Poster: Yes British Columbia Canada Committee [Charlottetown Accord Referendum 1992]	1992	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.4	Poster: International Women's Day, March 8 [BC Federation of Labour]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.5	Poster: International Women's Day, March 8 [BC Federation of Labour 1991], 2 copies, covering memorandum	1991	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.6	Poster: Please Tell Me Why! [Monday Magazine 2-8 January 1985]	1985	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.7	Poster: Looking to the Future [1983 BCGEU Convention] some identified	1983	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.8	Poster: Kids Pay the Price of Racism [BCGEU]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.9	Poster: Unions Need Women   Women Need Unions [BCGEU Parks]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.10	Poster: Unions Need Women   Women Need Unions [BCGEU Film]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.11	Poster: Unions Need Women   Women Need Unions [BCGEU faces in logo]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.12	Poster: We're Working For You [BCGEU]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.13	Poster: Medicare Alert Stop Privatization [BCGEU   NUPGE]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.14	Poster: International Women's Day   Campbell's cuts hurt women [BCGEU]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.15	Poster: International Women's Day [BCGEU] 2001	n.d.	Oversize #1

2020.1.7.16	Poster: Boycott South African Goods [ICTFU]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.17	Poster: Support Economic Sanctions Against South Africa [ICTFU]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.18	Poster: International Day for the Elimination of Racism [BC Fed]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.19	Poster: Vote Smart North Okanagan Labour Council	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.20	Poster: Profitization that's the real BC Spirit [Hospital Employees' Union]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.21	Poster: BC Federation of Labour Women's Rights Committee 25th Anniversary [1995]	1995	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.22	Poster: Hands Across Borders   Say No to NAFTA [1992]	1992	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.23	Poster: Sixth Annual Vancouver MayWorks Festival of working people and the Arts presents Yellowknife Miners Solidarity Cabaret [Vancouver]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.24	Poster: Sixth Annual Vancouver MayWorks Festival of working people and the Arts censored art & music [CUPE BC]	1993	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.25	Poster: Let's break the pattern of violence against women [BC Fed]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.26	Poster: Women's History Month [BC Buildings Corporation]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.27	Poster: It's time for a change. [CUPE BC]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.28	Poster: CATch up in Catdom [BCGEU]	n.d.	Oversize #1
2020.1.7.29	Centennial Labour History Calendar 1886-1986 and postcards	1986	Oversize #1