75-80% of the Finnish women were single when they emigrated to Canada. Finland, 1927.

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Finnish women were well recognized for their hunting skills. Northern Ontario, c. 1900. Photo: Multicultural History Society of Ontario/Ontario Archives.
J.K. and Sanna-Liisa Lauttamus. First Finnish couple to settle in New Finland, Saskatchewan in 1890.

Photo: Saskatchewan Archives.

Finnish pioneers clearing the bush north of Port Arthur, 1905.

Photo: Multicultural History Society of Ontario.
Mrs. Lujanen delivered mail by walking 30 km thrice weekly. Her salary: $1 a week.

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Toronto's Finnish maids after their English lessons in front of the Church of All Nations of the United Church of Canada, 1928.

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