

1940s

War and Post-War Adjustment

One of the main problems during this period was the shortage of decent housing, families were doubling up and overcrowding was common.

Family Members Overseas

...we must face the fact that over five years of war have taken a toll of not only human life, but family life as well... especially the children....

[1945 annual report]

I am a soldier's wife. I have lived alone with my three children for two and half years and I have not loved it.... The absence of the man of the family has given an instability to the boys' lives that it is impossible totally to overcome.

[Winnipeg Free Press 1942]



This Eaton's ad depicts a happy homecoming, but the adjustments could be difficult.

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War Brides

Some 1500 wives have crossed sea and land to join their husbands in Manitoba, the majority settling in Greater Winnipeg. [1946 pamphlet]

Many war brides simply weren't prepared for the conditions they found in Canada, and experienced depression and homesickness in their new homes.

Post-War Adjustments

We feel a sense of obligation to the men and women who served, and this can be met through a true understanding of their needs—a home, suitable employment with an adequate wage, and a place in the life of the community.

[1946 pamphlet]



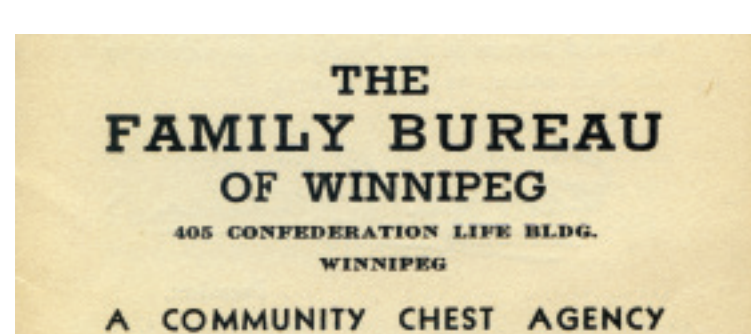
Winnipeg Free Press 1945

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The strains and stresses of war and consequent separation, poor physical and mental health, poor housing, financial difficulties, personal maladjustments, are producing grave disunity and misery.

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Our logos over the years



1936

Family Services
of Winnipeg Inc.



1976

The Family Centre®
Where families come first!

1992

Family
DYNAMICS

2012