

Women in Business



Marg Thompson

Margaret Thompson has been in the real estate business for 21 years. She has owned Thompson Realty in Cobourg since 1957.

"I first started with Ed Woods' Realty, which was later sold to H. G. Blow," she explained. "I ran the Woods office here in Cobourg for five years."

Mrs. Thompson came to Cobourg from Kitchener. "Being a city girl I found it hard to get to know people in Cobourg. When the

realty offered the job I thought it would be one way to meet people and make friends, so I took it on a part time basis at first."

Mrs. Thompson has two grown-up children, a son who works at Honeywell Computers Ltd. and a daughter who teaches at Baltimore School.

When she isn't involved in her profession as a real estate broker, golf and curling are her main interests.

"I would hate to see Cobourg get really big, like a city," she said.

Breaking into real estate had its problems, she admitted. "I was the first woman in this area to go into real estate. Before then it was considered a man's profession."

Mrs. Thompson is a strong believer in equal pay for equal work. "There are lots of women qualified to take a man's position, and there is no reason why

they should be paid less."

Mrs. Thompson enjoys real estate. "It's a challenging profession. I love it. I would never think of doing anything else."