



FIVE ALBERTA WOMEN

Through whose efforts women's right to be appointed to the Senate has been determined. Left to right: Mrs. R. W. McClung, Mrs. L. C. McKinney, Mrs. O. C. Edwards (portrait by W. H. Best), Magistrate Emily Murphy, and the Honourable Irene Parlyb.

# Now That We Are Persons

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## Celebrating International Women's Day in Alberta

March 8th

1. 1929 article by Nellie McClung after the Lord's Privy Council of Great Britain ruled that women were persons, although this ruling excluded non-white women.
2. 1954 Assiniboia Inn Strike. Hatters joined beer parlour and hotel workers across the province calling for improved hours and pay. Many were women, employed as chamber maids, cooking staff, and waitresses. (Esplanade Archives)
3. 1947 Medalta Strike. At the time, women were 42% of Medalta's workforce and were paid less than their male counterparts, and limited in hours and types of work. This, alongside both men and women being paid less than the industry average, led to the strike. (Image Courtesy of Medalta)
4. 1920 - United Farm Women of Alberta Board. Established in 1915, the UFWA championed healthcare, education, women's rights, suffrage and other issues. (Provincial Archives of Alberta)
5. 1916 - Alice Jameson of Calgary was appointed the first female judge in the British Empire, and the second female magistrate of the Empire following the appointment of Emily Murphy.
6. The Alberta Committee for Indian Rights for Indian Women (Philomena Aulotte, Nellie Carlson, Jenny Margetts). This organization and its national counterpart worked to end parts of the Indian Act that discriminated based on gender, such as how Indigenous women and their children would lose Indian status if they married non-status men. (National Archives of Canada)
7. 1988. Medicine Hat Regional Nurses join nurses across Alberta in walking off the job during the coldest winter in memory to fight against rollbacks to wages and benefits. (Esplanade Archives)
8. CA 1900 - The National Council of Women on the steps of the First Presbyterian Church in Edmonton. The organization is one of Canada's oldest advocacy groups, fighting for for the welfare of women, family, and the community. Medicine Hat, like many locations across Alberta, had its own chapter. (Provincial Archives of Alberta)