

ON APPEAL FROM THE SUPREME COURT  
OF CANADA.

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IN THE MATTER of a Reference as to the meaning of the word  
"persons" in Section 24 of The British North America Act, 1867.

BETWEEN

HENRIETTA MUIR EDWARDS, NELLIE L. McCLUNG,  
LOUISE C. McKINNEY, EMILY F. MURPHY AND  
IRENE PARLBY - - - - - *Appellants*

AND

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR THE DOMINION OF  
CANADA, THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR THE  
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, AND THE ATTORNEY-  
GENERAL FOR THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA - *Respondents.*

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

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No. 1.

Order of Reference by the Governor General in Council.

P.C. 2034.

*In the  
Supreme  
Court of  
Canada.*

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the  
Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the  
19th October, 1927.

No. 1.  
Order of  
Reference  
by the  
Governor  
General in  
Council.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a Report,  
dated 18th October, 1927, from the Minister of Justice, submitting that he  
has had under consideration a petition to Your Excellency in Council dated  
the 27th August, 1927 (P.C. 1835), signed by Henrietta Muir Edwards,  
Nellie L. McClung, Louise C. McKinney, Emily F. Murphy and Irene Parlby,  
as persons interested in the admission of women to the Senate of Canada,  
whereby Your Excellency in Council is requested to refer to the Supreme  
Court of Canada for hearing and consideration certain questions touching  
the power of the Governor General to summon female persons to the Senate  
of Canada.