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Murphy was one of Canadas great feminists. A woman of tremendous wit, versatility and compassion, her career included journalism, social reform, politics and the law. Emily Ferguson was born in Ontario and educated in Toronto where she met her husband, Minister Arthur Murphy. Together they travelled through rural Ontario and industrial England. These travels aroused Emilys social conscience, which she expressed through her famous Janey Canuck books. When the Murphys moved to Manitoba and later Edmonton, she continued writing and became involved in reform movements. Her first political efforts resulted in the passage of Albertas Dower Act of 1911. She would later be appointed a judge in Alberta, making her not only Canadas first woman magistrate, but the first female magistrate in the British Empire. In 1921, Murphy publicly questioned the law that kept women from the Senate. Women were not considered persons by law, and could therefore not become Senators. Her tireless campaign in this Persons Case led to womens legal recognition as persons and their eligibility to the Senate. Murphy herself was never appointed to the Senate, but her work in all...



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