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In the Privy Council.

No. 121 of 1928.

ON APPEAL FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA.

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.*

CASE OF THE APPELLANTS.

Record.

1. This is an appeal by special leave from a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada dated the 24th April 1928, answering in the negative the question (referred to the Court for hearing and consideration by the Governor-General of Canada in Council under the provisions of Section 60 of the Supreme Court Act), "Does the word 'persons' in Section 24 of the British North America Act 1867 include female persons?"

2. The appeal raises the question whether the Governor-General of Canada has the power to summon women to the Senate of Canada.

3. Of the Appellants, Henrietta Muir Edwards is the vice-president for the Province of Alberta of the National Council of Women for Canada; Nellie L. McClung and Louise C. McKinney were for several years members of the Legislative Assembly of the said province; Emily F. Murphy is a police magistrate in and for the said province; and Irene Parlby is a member of the Legislative Assembly of the said province and a member of the Executive Council thereof.