



## Henrietta Muir Edwards

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“This decision marks the abolition of sex in politics ... Personally, I do not care whether or not women ever sit in the Senate, but we fought for the privilege for them to do so. We sought to establish the personal individuality of women and this decision is the announcement of our victory.”

Henrietta Muir Edwards devoted her entire life to the legal progress of women and children’s rights in Canada. She established the Working Girls’ Association and co-founded the National Council of Women in 1875 and the Victorian Order of Nurses in 1897.

She was a natural choice for Emily Murphy to have on board to help with the legal aspects of the Persons Case. It could be said that the Persons Case was the culmination of Edwards’ life work, her goal ultimately to have women and children achieve fair legal status in Canada.

