



## Louise McKinney

*The Prohibitionist*

“What, after all, is the purpose of woman’s life? The purpose of woman’s life is just the same as the purpose of man’s life: that she may make the best possible contribution to the generation in which she is living.”

Louise McKinney has the distinction, alongside Roberta MacAdams, of being one of the first two women elected to a Legislative Assembly in the British Empire. McKinney, whose lifelong work focused on temperance and prohibition, was a determined and unwavering force for her causes.

She played a crucial role in the passing of Alberta’s *Dower Act* in 1917, which helped forge a relationship between herself, Emily Murphy and Henrietta Muir Edwards, setting the foundation for their work together on the Persons Case.

