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HERITAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND FAMOUS 5 FOUNDATION LAUNCH A DYNAMIC WEBSITE ON THE FAMOUS 5

<http://collections.ic.gc.ca/famous5/>

EDMONTON—The Heritage Community Foundation and Famous 5 Foundation are launching an educational website on the Famous 5 at 10:00 am on March 6th, in the Learning Resources Centre of Oliver School, one of the locations of the Nellie McClung Girls' Junior High Program. The website brings the story, the times and the achievements of Nellie McClung, Irene Parlby, Henriette Muir Edwards, Louise McKinney and Emily Murphy to life.

Adriana A. Davies, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Heritage Community Foundation noted: "These remarkable individuals led the battle to have women declared "persons" in Canada and won a victory for all future generations of Canadians. The site provides information about these important women making it accessible to Albertans, Canadians and all users of the World Wide Web."

Frances Wright, President and CEO of the Famous 5 Foundation, which commissioned the *Women Are Persons!* monument in Olympic Plaza in Calgary and on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, stated: "For years, students and other Canadians have hungered for more information about these leaders! It is thrilling to finally have a learning resource as dynamic and appealing as this available on the World Wide Web. This important gift to Albertans and Canadians enables us to follow in the footsteps of the F5!"

The site is divided into three sections. *Women's Roles and Responsibility* examines the roles women were expected to fill, family life, and stereotypes and ideologies of the era. The second section, *The Famous 5: Achievements*, covers the accomplishments achieved during the lifetime of the members of the Famous 5. The last section, *The Famous 5: Their Legacy*, looks at the lasting mark the Famous 5 has left in Alberta history and the questions they raised for society at large. There is also a timeline, a glossary, and a list of further readings to make the site a complete learning tool. The site has audio and video files that bring the era of the Famous 5 to life, and also features samples of writing from the women who fought so hard for the rights of women around the world. There are 320 photos; 160 HTML pages; 25 Audio files; 15 video files; excerpts database with 145 records; and two Flash movies, making this site dynamic and comprehensive, appealing to all learners. An Edukit, an online learning resource complete with teacher and student resources focusing on the Persons Case, also accompanies the site.

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LOCATION: Please use the Main/West Entrance of Oliver School (10227-118 Street), located on 118th Street.

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