



PEI
Famous 5



Celebrating PEI's Famous 5

Another Famous Five?

Most of us know about, or have at least heard of, Canada's Famous Five - the five Alberta women who were the petitioners in the Persons Case. That case was brought before the Supreme Court of Canada in 1927 and later decided in 1929 by the Judicial Council of Britain's Privy Council. It deemed women as *persons* in the eyes of the law.

The women - Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Nellie McClung, Louise Crummy McKinney and Irene Parlby - worked for many years in various campaigns, and gained national and international attention as advocates for women's rights.

But who are the women of Prince Edward Island's Famous 5?



Who Are the PEI Famous 5?

In 1993, Her Honour Lieutenant Governor Marion L. Reid, Hon. Premier Catherine Callbeck, Leader of the Official Opposition Pat Mella, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island Nancy Guptill, and Deputy Leader of the Legislative Assembly Hon. Elizabeth 'Libbe' Hubley became known as PEI's Famous 5.

Left to right, Guptill, Reid, Mella, Callbeck, and Hubley, were seasoned political veterans, each having worked behind the scenes for their respective parties, and each having served in the Legislative Assembly. They were the first - and to date only - women to simultaneously hold the top five positions of political influence in the province. It was a first in PEI and in Canada, and has not since been replicated elsewhere in the country.



Hon. Marion L. Reid: Lieutenant Governor

By the time the photo was taken in 1993, Hon. Marion Loretta Reid was a well-known veteran politician in her home province, having served for three terms in the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island as a Progressive Conservative MLA. In 1979, Reid and her seatmate Leone Bagnall were the first Progressive Conservative women elected to the Assembly.

Reid was a former school teacher and principal before entering politics, as well as a mother of eight, a volunteer, wife, daughter, sister, and involved behind the scenes of the Progressive Conservative Party of PEI. She was the first woman Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, its first woman Speaker and the first woman Speaker in Atlantic Canada, and the first woman to sit as Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island and in Atlantic Canada. That role earned her a place in history as one of PEI's Famous 5.



About Hon. Marion L. Reid

- ❖ Born on January 4, 1929, in North Rustico to Michael and Loretta (Whelan) Doyle.
- ❖ Fifth child in a family of eight.
- ❖ On June 29, 1949, married Lea P. Reid and together they had eight children: Maureen and Colleen (twins), Kevin, Bethany, Marylea, David, Andrew, Tracy.
- ❖ Taught school for 21 years, with her last four spent as principal of St. Ann's Elementary in Hope River.
- ❖ Elected on April 23, 1979, in the dual-seat riding of 1st Queens.
- ❖ Served as Deputy Speaker and Speaker during her 10 years as an MLA.
- ❖ On August 16, 1990, was appointed Lieutenant Governor of PEI, with term completed in 1995.



Hon. Catherine Callbeck: Premier

Hon. Catherine Callbeck is known as a woman of firsts, as she was the first woman to receive a commerce degree from Mount Allison University, the first woman to hold a full cabinet portfolio in the PEI government, and the first - and, to date, only - woman to serve as Premier of Prince Edward Island, the role that earned her a place in history as one of PEI's Famous 5. She is also the first and only woman to date to serve as Leader of the Liberal Party of PEI.

Prior to becoming Premier, Callbeck served as an MLA and cabinet minister for one term under Liberal Premier Alex Campbell; was a successful businesswoman; and had served a term in the House of Commons as the Liberal Member of Parliament for the federal riding of Malpeque, where she took on numerous roles while in Opposition. After leaving provincial politics, Callbeck was called to the Senate of Canada, retiring in 2014.



About Hon. Catherine Callbeck

- ❖ Born on July 25, 1939, to Ralph and Ruth Callbeck of Central Bedeque.
- ❖ Received a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from Mount Allison University and a Bachelor of Education Degree from Dalhousie.
- ❖ Elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1974 as MLA for the dual-seat district of 4th Prince.
- ❖ Left politics in 1978 to return to the family business, Callbecks.
- ❖ Elected as a Liberal MP for Malpeque in 1988.
- ❖ Elected the first woman leader of the Liberal Party of PEI on January 23, 1993.
- ❖ Elected the first and only woman Premier of Prince Edward Island on March 29, 1993.
- ❖ Called to the Senate on September 23, 1997, and served as a Senator until 2014.



Pat Mella: Leader of the Official Opposition

Pat Mella worked for many years behind the scenes of the Progressive Conservative Party of Prince Edward Island prior to becoming, in 1990, the first woman elected at a leadership convention to serve as the party's Leader.

In the 1993 election, as the party's leader, she was the lone member of her party to win a seat in what was then a 32-seat Legislative Assembly, with the remaining seats held by members of the governing Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island. When her party formed government in 1996, Mella became the province's first woman to serve as Treasury minister.

When the historic PEI Famous 5 photo was taken in 1993, Mella held the position as Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, the role that earned for her a place in history.



About Pat Mella

- ❖ Born on August 29, 1943, to Frank and Patricia Mary Hilda (nee Callaghan) MacDougall.
- ❖ Educated at Saint Dunstan's University, UPEI, Catholic University of America; has Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, Master of Arts.
- ❖ Married Angelo Mella on June 27, 1970, and mother to Andrew, Michael and Nancy.
- ❖ Served as Progressive Conservative Party of PEI Leader from November 1, 1990, to December 1, 1995, when she announced her resignation.
- ❖ Served as Opposition Leader from 1993 to 1996.
- ❖ Represented 3rd Queens (the district later known as Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove) from 1993 to 2000. She opted not to run in the 2000 election.
- ❖ Served as Provincial Treasurer from 1996 to 2003, and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.



Nancy Guptill: Speaker of the Assembly

Nancy Guptill was actively involved behind the scenes of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island after moving to the province from Nova Scotia with her family in the mid-1970s.

After moving to Summerside, she was elected to town council - the only woman councillor at the time - and secured a second term before stepping down to run provincially in the 1987 by-election in her district, which she won. She was re-elected in 1989 and served in cabinet in two portfolios, including Minister Responsible for the Status of Women. She was re-elected to government 1993, and, in 1996 re-elected, this time in Opposition.

After the 1993 election, Guptill became the second woman to serve as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. It was the position that earned her a place in history as one of PEI's Famous 5.



About Nancy Guptill

- ❖ Born April 28, 1941, in Halifax, N.S., to Lloyd and Evelyn Garrison.
- ❖ One of 12 children, eight girls and four boys.
- ❖ Educated at the Halifax Vocational School and the Victoria General Hospital.
- ❖ Married L.R. Gregg Guptill in 1964, and mother to three daughters: Krista, Nancy Beth, and Peggy.
- ❖ Elected to two terms on Summerside Town Council.
- ❖ Elected as a Liberal MLA for 5th Prince from 1987 to 1996, and St. Eleanors-Summerside 1996 to 2000.
- ❖ Minister of Tourism and Parks from 1989 to 1991, Minister of Labour, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women from 1991 to 1993.
- ❖ Elected Speaker of the Assembly from 1993 to 1996.



Hon. Elizabeth Hubley: Deputy Speaker

Hon. Elizabeth Hubley, better known as Libbe, was a busy wife and mother of six who owned her own dance studio and was an active volunteer behind the scenes of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island prior to winning a seat in the Legislative Assembly in the 1989 provincial election. She became Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in 1991, and held the role until the 1993 provincial election.

Hubley was re-elected to government in the 1993 election, at which time she continued in the role of Deputy Speaker, which was the position that earned her a place in history as one of PEI's Famous 5.

A few years after her time in provincial politics ended, Hubley was called to the Senate of Canada. She is now retired.



About Hon. Elizabeth 'Libbe' Hubley

- ❖ Born September 8, 1942, in Howlan, PEI, to Bennett (BJ) and Florence (nee Brown) Haywood.
- ❖ Educated at Prince of Wales College, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.
- ❖ Married Richard Beck Hubley on November 12, 1966, and mother to Brendon, Susan, Allan, Amos (deceased), Jennifer, and Florence.
- ❖ Founder and owner of *Stepping Out*, a traditional dance studio in Kensington, PEI, and home of the Lady Slipper Dancers.
- ❖ First elected as MLA in the dual-seat riding of 4th Prince in 1989.
- ❖ Served two terms as an MLA, from 1989 to 1996.
- ❖ Served as Deputy Speaker from 1991 to 1996.
- ❖ Called to the Senate of Canada on March 8, 2001, and retired in September 8, 2017.



PEI Famous 5 Website

PEI Famous 5, *peifamousfive.ca*, is a website that teaches the significance of this moment in Prince Edward Island and Canadian history.

The website provides the user with biographical information on the women, information on the three levels of government with links to external resources, and information on the roles held by the women in 1993.

On the home page there are the following main tabs: *The Women*, *Resources*, *Get Involved*, and *Contact Us*.

The home page contains a brief history of the photo, as well information about the photo re-enactment, which took place on October 11, 2018, *International Day of the Girl Child*, with a link to the press release and photo gallery.



Site Navigation: The Women

The first of five tabs at the top of the main page is 'The Women'. There, the user will find photos of each of the five women.

By double clicking on each photo, the user will be lead to a short biography of that woman, which includes their political history and a selection of their various accomplishments, a short video, and information on their Famous 5 role.

It is in this area the user can access a link that will take them to the full feature story on that particular woman.

Each feature was written using information compiled during one-on-one interviews, as well as supplementary information provided by the women, their families, and archival information from the Province of Prince Edward Island.



Did You Know?

- ❖ Hon. Marion L. Reid lost the nomination the first time she put her name forward. On her second attempt, she won the nomination but lost the 1977 election. She again won the nomination, and then a seat on April 24, 1978.
- ❖ Hon. Catherine Callbeck first served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in 1974, and was the first woman in the province's history to have a full cabinet portfolio. She was Minister of Health, Minister of Social Services Minister, and had responsibilities for Indigenous peoples and the disabled.
- ❖ Pat Mella first ran in the 1989 provincial election and lost. The rules around where she could run in that election prompted her to seek - and win - the Progressive Conservative party leadership in 1990.
- ❖ Hon. Libbe Hubley won two consecutive terms in the Legislative Assembly, but failed to secure the nomination leading up to the 1996 provincial election.
- ❖ Nancy Guptill has a elections record that is believed to second to none in the province. In all the elections in which she ran, four provincial elections in total, she only ever lost one poll, and that was by one vote.

Site Navigation: Resources

The next tab on the main page of the PEI Famous 5 website is the 'Resources' section. Here, there are five categories: For Educators, How Government Works, Roles in the Legislative Assembly, History of PEI Women in Government, and Canada's Famous Five.

Each of these categories offers unique information sourced for the PEI Famous 5 website from credible and reliable sources, including the Senate of Canada, the House of Commons, the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, the PEI Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, the PEI Coalition for Women in Government, and Canada's Famous Five website.



Did You Know?

- ❖ The Canadian Constitution sets out how responsibilities are divided between the federal, provincial, and territorial governments.
- ❖ In Canada, both federal and provincial governments are broken into three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial.
- ❖ Canada's head of state is Queen Elizabeth II.
- ❖ In PEI and other provinces the Queen appoints a Lieutenant Governor to act on her behalf.
- ❖ In the provinces, the leader of the political party with the greatest number of seats becomes the head of the provincial government, or the Premier.
- ❖ It is up to the Premier to select a small group of MLAs from those within his party to work as Ministers of the Crown.



Site Navigation: Resources - For Educators

The 'For Educators' section provides information for those in the education field in Prince Edward Island on how the site can assist with curriculum outcomes for students of grades 5 to 12 on PEI, with a summary of units and grades in which the content of the PEI Famous 5 website can be used.

The Province of Prince Edward Island's Interministerial Women's Secretariat, in developing the website, worked in collaboration with the cross-instructional leader of the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning to provide the curriculum scan for Prince Edward Island educators.

The information available on the website, along with a discussion guide under the 'For Educators' section, can be a valuable resource in the classroom.



Site Navigation: Resources - Roles in the Legislative Assembly

The 'Roles in the Legislative Assembly' section of the website details the various roles within and that support the function of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Those roles include that of Premier, cabinet, the Opposition, the role of a Member of the Legislative Assembly, legislative pages, House Leaders, the clerk, and the sergeant-at-arms.

There is also information available in this section about the significance and the duties of the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.



Did You Know?

- ❖ The current Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island is Her Honour Antoinette Perry, the first woman of Acadian ancestry appointed to the role.
- ❖ The current Premier of Prince Edward Island is Progressive Conservative leader Dennis King.
- ❖ The current Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is Progressive Conservative MLA Colin LaVie, who was elected to the position earlier this year.
- ❖ The current Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is Liberal Hal Perry, who began serving in the position earlier this year.
- ❖ The current Opposition Leader is Green Party Leader Peter Bevan-Baker. This is the first time in the province's history that the Green Party formed Opposition.
- ❖ The current Third Party (interim) Leader is Liberal Sonny Gallant.

Site Navigation: Resources - History of PEI Women in Government

The 'History of Women in Government' section contains information about the number of women elected to the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island since its establishment in 1893.

As well, there is information on the first woman elected to the provincial legislature, significant dates for PEI women in politics courtesy of the PEI Coalition for Women in Government.

There are also resources under the tab leading the user to the PEI Coalition for Women in Government's site, as well as a link to a list of all past and present Women Members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.



Did You Know?

- ❖ There are currently seven women MLAs elected to PEI's Legislative Assembly. In total, there are 27 elected MLAs.
- ❖ Two women, Progressive Conservative Darlene Compton and Natalie Jameson, sit in the current provincial government's cabinet. Compton is the province's Deputy Premier and Finance Minister, while Jameson is Minister of Environment, Water and Climate Change, and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.
- ❖ The other current women MLAs are: Opposition Green Party members Hannah Bell, Lynne Lund, Karla Bernard, Michele Beaton, and Trish Altass.
- ❖ A total 32 women have been elected to serve as Members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island in its history.



Did You Know?

- ❖ Hilda Ramsay was the first PEI woman to campaign for a seat in the Legislative Assembly in 1951, standing for the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation.
- ❖ PC Margaret Mary Smith MacDonald was the first PEI woman elected to the House of Commons in 1961.
- ❖ Dorothy Corrigan was the first and only woman elected mayor of Charlottetown in 1968.
- ❖ The first PEI woman elected to the Legislative Assembly was Liberal Jean Canfield, elected in 1970 in 1st Queens.
- ❖ Liberal Elsie Inman was the first PEI woman appointed to the Senate of Canada in 1955.
- ❖ Mary Bernard was the first PEI woman elected Chief of Lennox Island First Nation in 1960.
- ❖ Frances Perry was the first and only woman elected mayor of Summerside in 1979.



Site Navigation: Resources - Canada's Famous Five

The 'Canada's Famous Five' section contains information on the significance of the Famous Five, and includes a link to the Famous Five website.

On October 18, 1929, women were declared "persons" under Canadian law, largely due to the efforts of the five Alberta women that comprise Canada's Famous Five - Henrietta Muir Edwards, Nellie McClung, Louise Crummy McKinney, and Irene Parlby. The women were trailblazers, and more information is available at famou5.ca.



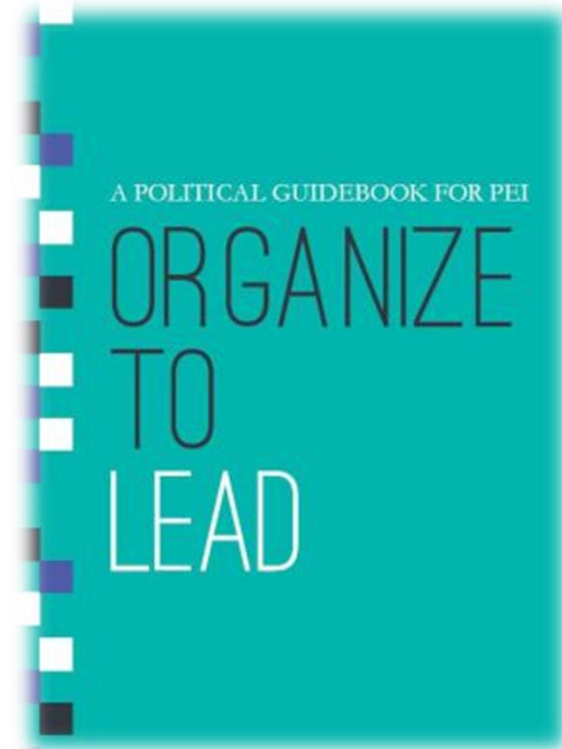
Site Navigation: Resources - Get Involved

There are numerous ways youth can get involved in helping their community and, if they so desire, in the realm of politics on Prince Edward Island.

The 'Get Involved' tab includes *Organize to Lead: A Political Guidebook for PEI*, which was compiled by the PEI Coalition for Women in Government, as well as *Honouring Our Differences: Gender and Diversity Analysis*, a guide that introduces the basics of using a gender and diversity lens for policy and program design.

There are resources for students, such as the Legislative Assembly - Student Opportunities, and other resources including links to the Elections PEI website and Engage PEI.

You don't have to be in politics to lead.



Did You Know?

On Prince Edward Island there are four mainstream political parties:

- ❖ *The Progressive Conservative Party of Prince Edward Island*
- ❖ *The Green Party of Prince Edward Island*
- ❖ *The Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island*
- ❖ *The New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island*

All four parties require that you be at least 14 years of age to be a member, although the Green Party allows someone at least 12 years of age to be designated a youth member without voting rights.

Each party has its own website, where you can find out more information, and read about each party's constitution.

Student government at your school is a good way to get involved, as is volunteering within your community. As well, the province's Youth Futures Council gives non-partisan recommendations and guidance to the Premier and ministers of government. More information about the council can be found at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/youth-futures-council>.

Other Resources - PEI Famous 5 Slideshow

A slideshow is available featuring photos of the PEI Famous Five women from their political careers and personal lives, as well as information on each of the women, which was compiled for PEI's Famous Five 25th Anniversary Conference held in October 2018 at the University of Prince Edward Island.

The slideshow can be used as a companion piece while the user is making a presentation about the PEI Famous Five and highlighting the website and its content.

The slideshow is available on the PEI Famous 5 website and is in PowerPoint format for easy use.



Other Resources - To the Power of Five play

As part of the 25th anniversary year of the PEI Famous 5, a play was produced by Wyatt Heritage Properties and written by Marlene Campbell. The one-time showing of the production was staged at Summerside's Harbourfront Theatre, with a sold-out audience in attendance.

The women of the PEI Famous 5 were also in attendance to watch as a cast of Prince Edward Island performers told the story of their lives and that moment in history that occurred in the province in 1993.

The production is now available online for all to view at

<https://vimeo.com/skygatepei/review/302204641/29d4241c07>.



Other Useful Links

There are many outside resources that were invaluable in developing the PEI Famous 5 website, each with information that can be used to compliment a presentation on the PEI Famous 5 women and the website.

Here are some of the useful links:

- ❖ <https://www.peiwomeningovernment.ca/>
- ❖ <https://sencanada.ca/en>
- ❖ <http://www.ourcommons.ca/en>
- ❖ <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en>
- ❖ <http://famou5.ca>
- ❖ <http://www.un.org/en/events/girlchild/>
- ❖ <http://www.assembly.pe.ca/>

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For more information about PEI's Famous 5, contact the Interministerial Women's Secretariat of the Province of Prince Edward Island at iws@gov.pe.ca, or (902) 368-6494. You can also visit the PEI Famous 5 website at peifamousfive.ca

