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Alice J. Jamieson

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1860-1949

From her arrival in Calgary in 1903, Alice Jamieson was highly involved in social and community service, working to achieve mothers' pensions, dowry rights, child welfare, and women's suffrage as a founding member of the Calgary Council of Women. Her efforts led to her appointment, in 1914, as the first female judge for a juvenile court in the British Empire. Two years later, she became the second female police magistrate in Canada, presiding over the Calgary Women's Court.

Alice Jamieson battled prejudice and hostility during her rise to distinction. In 1917, a lawyer appealed Jamieson's verdict on a case, arguing that, as a woman, Jamieson was legally "incompetent and incapable" of officiating in the case, because women in Canada were not considered to be 'persons' under the law. The Supreme Court of Alberta found in Jamieson's favour, confirming her right to hold office.

Due to leaders like Jamieson, women gained the right to vote, first in Alberta, then federally in 1918.



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