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**Canada's "Great Women" chosen by Canadians**

The results are in: Nellie McClung is the big winner of Canada's History's "Great Women" contest that wrapped up on March 10.

The contest — launched in January by Canada's History Society to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage in Canada — sought to highlight the achievements of women who have helped shape our country.

Voters cast ballots for one of 30 women chosen by a panel of history experts. They could also nominate other women of note.

Nellie McClung, the fiery orator and prairie suffragist who was instrumental in women getting the vote both in Manitoba and Alberta, captured the most votes overall.

The top five Great Women, according to ballots cast, were:

1. Nellie McClung, suffragist
2. Emily Carr, artist
3. Thérèse Casgrain, political activist
4. Adelaide Hoodless, educational reformer
5. Lucy Maude Montgomery, author

"We are very pleased to help raise awareness of the many amazing women who have helped make Canada a better place for us all," said **Canada's History Publisher Melony Ward**. "Hopefully, some of these Great Women will be chosen to appear on a redesigned Canadian banknote."

The contest was inspired by *Canada's History* magazine's special issue on "Great Women," currently available on newsstands. Members of our special expert history panel included former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and bestselling author Charlotte Gray.

*Canada's History* invites everyone **to go online at [CanadasHistory.ca/GreatWomen](http://CanadasHistory.ca/GreatWomen)** to explore the lives of these incredible women. All participants had their name entered in a draw for an original sketch by Barbara Paterson, sculptor of the "Famous Five" monument on Parliament Hill. **The winner was \*\*\*\*\* of \*\*\*\*\*.**

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*About Canada's History Society*

Canada's History Society is a national charitable organization devoted to popularizing

Canadian history. In addition to presenting the Governor General's History Awards and publishing *Canada's History* (formerly *The Beaver*) magazine, as well as *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids*, the Society also produces educational and online programs to encourage more discovery, celebration, and understanding about our rich history and culture. More details can be found at [www.canadashistory.ca](http://www.canadashistory.ca)

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