

## Making A Difference

### **Nellie McClung**

Nellie McClung was a tireless worker in the fight to get the vote for women. Many historians feel she was the leading Canadian feminist in the twentieth century. Well known as an engaging public speaker, she once gave a speech ridiculing the idea of votes for men, in order to poke fun at those who didn't support votes for women. Because of her work and that of many other women, Manitoba became the first province to give women the right to vote, in 1916, quickly followed by Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1921, McClung was elected to the Manitoba legislature.

#### **Questions**

1. If you were to interview Nellie McClung, what three questions would you ask?
2. Do you think women should be given special status (e.g., the federal government agency Status of Women Canada)? Why or why not? Be prepared to defend your opinions.



- ▲ Nellie McClung was largely responsible for winning women the right to vote.