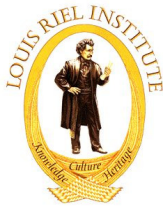


Isabella Clark Hardisty, (Lougheed). (1864-1936)

Isabella was the daughter of Chief Factor William Lucas Hardisty and Mary Ann Allen. She married Senator James Alexander Lougheed on September 16, 1884 in Calgary. Her husband, a lawyer, was appointed to the senate in 1889. This was the result of the death of Isabella's uncle, Senator Richard Hardisty. Lougheed was appointed to fill the vacant seat. He remained a Senator for thirty-six years. During his tenure, he also served as Conservative Leader of the Senate from 1906 to 1921. Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden appointed him Minister without Portfolio in 1911, even though he was not an elected Member of Parliament. Five years later, Borden named him Minister of the Interior and Minister of Civilian Re-establishment (Veterans Affairs). Lougheed held these portfolios until Mackenzie King's Liberal party defeated the Conservatives in the federal election of 1921. He was knighted in 1916 and Isabella was then known as "Lady Belle." She was the first president of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timer's Association and was active in the Children's Aid Society and the Victorian Order of Nurses. Their grandson (Edgar) Peter Lougheed¹ was also politically active and became Premier of the Province of Alberta. (With contributions from Robert Lougheed, Isabella's great-grandson.)



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¹ His father was Edgar Donald Lougheed, Isabella's second oldest son.