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## **Elections Nova Scotia Democracy Week Activities and Materials**

(Halifax, NS) -- September 12 to 16, 2011 is the first-ever *Canada's Democracy Week* a new civic education initiative organized by Elections Canada, a non-partisan agency created by Parliament. Elections Nova Scotia is supporting *Canada's Democracy Week* with a portfolio of activities and publications made available on the [electionsnovascotia.ca](http://electionsnovascotia.ca) website in English and French. The portfolio has a special focus on Nova Scotia's role in the development of democracy in Canada. It contains activities for young Nova Scotians and materials in English and French including a replica newspaper from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, puzzles and quizzes.

*Canada's Democracy Week* aims to raise awareness of democracy and the importance of voting, particularly among youth. It builds on the United Nations' International Day of Democracy on September 15 and extends the celebration with a week of activities to highlight Canada's democratic traditions and achievements.

Starting September 12, the Election Canada's Democracy Week website at [www.democracy-democratie.ca](http://www.democracy-democratie.ca), will also have stories of Canadians from coast to coast, educational resources and civic education materials, including lesson plans in both English and French.

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