

Former Reeve of East Kildonan Succeeds Mr. T. J. Laidlaw as Assistant Deputy Minister of Mines, Natural Resources and Industry

Announcement was made Friday of last week by Hon. J. S. McDiarmid, head of the department of mines and natural resources, after the necessary order-in-council was passed by the Manitoba Government, of the appointment of Mr. David J. Allan, barrister, as assistant Deputy Minister. The appointment became effective Tuesday. Mr. Allan succeeds Mr. T. J. Laidlaw who is the new dean of the Manitoba Law school in succession to Mr. E. H. Coleman, now under secretary of state at Ottawa. The post of deputy minister of natural resources will continue to be filled by Mr. C. H. Attwood.

Mr. Allan, whose home is at 223 Munroe ave. East Kildonan, was born in Woodbridge, Ont., March 31, 1887. While yet in his 'teens he came west and farmed at Killarney, Man., for three years. In 1905 he went to Asquith, Sask., where he took out a homestead and remained for the next four years. In 1909 he entered the University of Manitoba, graduating with honors and gaining the degree of B.A. in 1914. For a year after graduating he was assistant registrar of the university.

Enlisting in 1915 with the 43rd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, Mr. Allan saw service with the Royal Flying Corps and, in June, 1918, suffered serious injuries, as a result of which he was over a year in hospital before being invalided home. Following his return from overseas Mr. Allan studied law at the University of Manitoba, being called to the bar in December, 1921, after graduating the same year with honors and the degree of LL.B. For a number of years past he has been in partnership with Ald. E. D. Honeyman, with offices in the Paris Bldg.

His greatest public service to this community was rendered in the nine-year span between 1924 and 1933. Serving first as a member of the council of the municipality of East Kildonan he was, in 1928, elected by acclamation to the reeveship. Much of his time, in later years, he has devoted to unemployment relief work.

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Since the announcement of his appointment many congratulatory messages have reached, and continue to reach, Mr. Allan.

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