

ANDERSON, James Thomas Milton

James Thomas Milton Anderson was born in Fairbank, Ontario on July 23, 1878.

A teacher, he first taught in Manitoba, where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Manitoba in 1911. He moved to Grenfell, Saskatchewan that same year to serve as Principal at the high school in Yorkton. In 1913, he received his Law Degree from the University of Manitoba, followed by his Master's Degree the following year. In 1917, he received a Bachelor's degree in Pedagogy, and in 1918 his Doctor of Pedagogy Degree.

Anderson was appointed Director of Education for New Canadians in Saskatchewan, which at the time had a high population of new immigrants, and in 1918, he wrote a book of his thoughts and ideas on the subject entitled, "*The Education of the New Canadian*". He continued in this work until 1922, when he went to work in the school supply business.

In 1924, Anderson was elected to the Provincial Legislature, representing Saskatoon. In 1926, he was chosen as leader of the Conservative Party, and in 1927, he became House Leader. Following a non-confidence vote against the Provincial Government in 1929, Anderson's Conservatives formed the government, with Anderson as Premier. He also assumed the portfolio for Education. This period in Saskatchewan was difficult, due to the droughts that plagued the province and the depression. One act of Anderson's government was to form the Saskatchewan Relief Commission to try to help those in difficult circumstances. The provincial election in 1934 saw a complete removal of the Conservative Party in the Provincial Legislature, including Premier Anderson.

In 1936, he went to work for the Crown Life Insurance Company. He was later appointed Superintendent of the School for the Deaf in Saskatoon.



J.T.M. Anderson was active in the Boy Scouts, the Kiwanis Club, the Masons and the Orange Order. He was a member of the Anglican faith.

James Thomas Milton Anderson died on Sunday, December 28, 1946, after a short illness, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Block 100; Lot 16; Section S1/2.

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