

# EAST KILDONAN COUNCIL HONORS S. R. HENDERSON

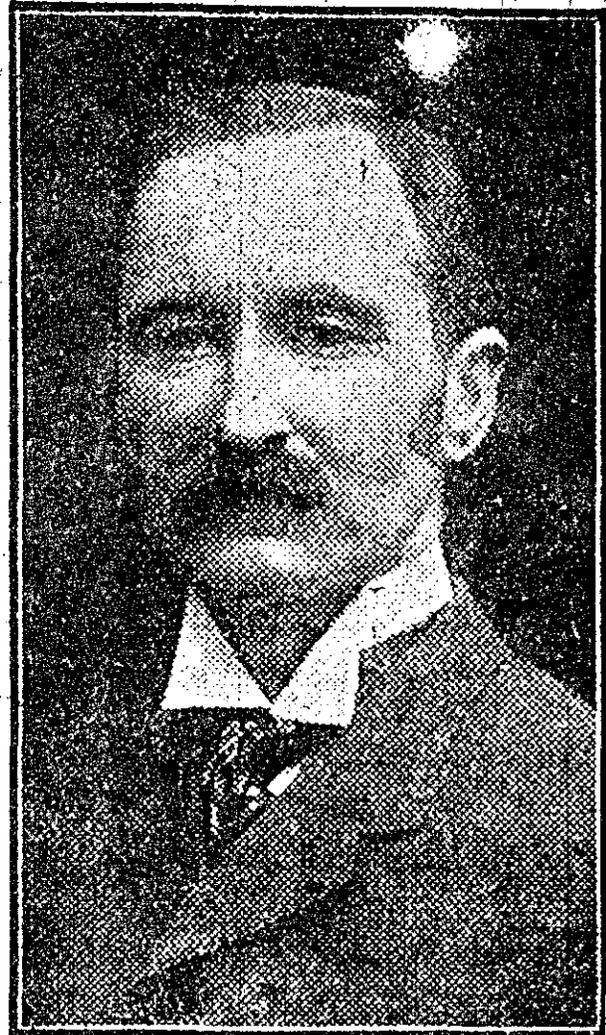
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## Makes Presentation On His Retirement From Reeveship

S. R. Henderson, reeve of the municipality of East Kildonan, was honored by his fellow members on his retirement from the official chair last night. For a period of five years, before the municipality was divided into east and west, he had been reeve and for the six years following—a continuous period of 11 years—he has filled the important office.

At the conclusion of the regular business Councillor Brooks, the oldest member of the body on behalf of the members, all of whom with every member of the official staff, were in attendance, presented Mr. Henderson with a gold fountain pen and pencil. In doing so Mr. Brooks referred to the career of the man whom the council had decided to honor and of his inestimable service to both municipalities. The regret at parting with his old colleague was also expressed. Mr. Henderson made a felicitous reply. He expressed the satisfaction that he felt when he recognized the progress made in Kildonan since his first connection with the board 23 years ago. He had been 12 years councillor before taking the higher office.

## HONOR RETIRING REEVE



S. R. HENDERSON

Who leaves East Kildonan council after lengthy service.

pianist for the evening was "Bill" Hodson, who brought the event to a close with "God Save the King."

# S. R. HENDERSON DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Native Son of Manitoba Succumbs After Paralytic Seizure

Prominent in Municipal and Church Work For Many Years

S. R. Henderson, president of the Manitoba Good Roads association since its inception eighteen years ago, former reeve of East Kildonan and prominent supporter of other Greater Winnipeg suburban and community enterprises, died early yesterday at his home, lot 51 East Kildonan road.

Death came at 3.30 o'clock. While on his way to the annual meeting of John Black United church, Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, Mr. Henderson suddenly collapsed on the street car, when he was seized with a paralytic stroke. Taken to his home, his condition became worse, all efforts of his physician to revive him proving of no avail. His brother, J. B. Henderson, 52 Casa Loma block, and other relatives, were at the bedside when death came.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the John Black Memorial church, Roberta Avenue and East Kildonan road, to Old Kildonan cemetery. Rev. Dr. H. J. Robertson, pastor will conduct the service and he will be assisted by Rev. J. W. Little, secretary of the Religious

Education Council and the first minister of the church which Mr. Henderson made the centre of his religious life. The funeral arrangements are in charge of the Thomson undertaking company.

Mr. Henderson, who was unmarried, was survived by two brothers, J. B. Henderson, Casa Loma apartments, Winnipeg; George, in New York; and two sisters, Mrs. E. W. Greig, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. G. H. Greig, of Vancouver. B. C., who is at present in Winnipeg. He also leaves a nephew, Arthur Allardyce, of Winnipeg, and a number of other relatives.

Mr. Henderson died in the home which he erected a few years ago on the site of the old homestead, in which he was born, 64 years ago. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm and he continued to live upon the original homestead which his father had secured and developed when Manitoba was the buffalo's stamping ground, roamed by the red man.

For a period of five years before the municipality of Kildonan was divided into east and west, Mr. Henderson had been reeve, and for six years following — a continuous period of eleven years — he had filled this important office.

In 1909, when the Good Roads association was formed, he was elected its first president, and in the years that followed he had consecutively retained the office up to the time of his death.

He was president of the Suburban Municipal association for a number of years, and up to a short time ago acted as secretary. He was on the executive of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities and for seven years served on the Greater Winnipeg water district board. While a member of the board he had always strongly advocated keeping its railway line in operation in order to aid in the settlement of the land.

An enthusiastic gardener, Mr. Henderson was familiar with the best methods of conducting agricultural interests, having made a scientific study of the soil and its properties. His broad knowledge manifested itself in the excellent results that attended his own labors.

### First Competitor.

He was among the competitors at the first fair staged in 1895 by the Kildonan and St. Paul Agricultural society. For a time he was president of this organization, and since 1907 had filled the office of secretary.

Mr. Henderson was well known for his activities in public affairs, in which for years he had taken a prominent part. Prior to his election as reeve, he was councilman for East Kildonan for 12 years, and during his term gave a public-spirited, businesslike and progressive administration.

He took a leading part in having the two subways constructed to East and West Kildonan, which were paid for by the railways, and saw the schools grow from a one-room building to institutions containing 40 rooms. During his reeveship, the first few miles of gravel road was constructed in the municipality of Kildonan. Good roads occupied his keenest attention and he looked forward with anticipation to the day when Manitoba's country roads would be high and dry and easy of travel, both winter and summer. It was largely through his efforts that new highways were built and bad ones improved.

As a member of John Black United church, Mr. Henderson had taken an active part in the religious life of his own parish, as well as in other denominations. He had been a manager and

## PIONEER PASSES



S. R. HENDERSON,

of North Kildonan, who died yesterday morning after a week's illness, in his 65th year.

elder in his own church, superintendent of the County Sunday School association, provincial superintendent of the mission department of Manitoba Sunday schools, and secretary and treasurer of many departments.

Mr. Henderson had seen the wild lands surrounding Winnipeg converted into productive farms, the entry of railroads and telegraphs, towns and villages springing up, and yet in the midst of the great change he had continued to follow a life of simplicity on the old farm in East Kildonan.

He was always on the side of progress, looking ahead and anticipating good results, and general benefits from some project that to others might have seemed without merit. In politics he supported the Conservative cause, but, like everything else, he took his politics in moderation, and his close personal friends were as numerous in one party as the other.

The Henderson family of which he was a descendant was one of the oldest in Manitoba, its identification with the development of the west dating back one hundred years. They were among the first settlers in the Red River valley. Mr. Henderson's father farming at East Kildonan.

### Gathering Postponed

Owing to the death of S. R. Henderson, it was announced yesterday by Mackenzie Gunn, president of the Lord Selkirk association, that the annual gathering of this association of descendants of the Lord Selkirk settlers, which was to have been held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, will be postponed indefinitely out of respect to the memory of Mr. Henderson, who was the past president of the association, and one of its founders, and very prominent in all its activities.

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