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John Paterson

(1887-1972)

John Paterson was an early settler who was employed by the City of Edmonton for 40 years. He served as Edmonton's land superintendent for a majority of his career.

John Paterson was born in Fallside, Scotland in about 1887. He was educated at Coatbridge and Dumfriesshire. In his earlier years, Paterson worked for Symington's in Dumfriesshire and for John Brown and Company, the builders of the Queen Mary.

In 1911, Paterson came to Canada and settled at 11520 - 97 Street in what is now known as the Spruce Avenue neighbourhood of Edmonton. He began working for the City of Edmonton in 1912, but served overseas in the First World War with the 49th and 202nd battalions as a sergeant machine-gunner. While active in service, he married his wife, Jeannie, on December 20, 1916.

Throughout his years in Edmonton, John Paterson was a member of the Strathcona Masonic Lodge No. 77 A.F. & A.M. in Edmonton, Alberta. He served as past master at his home lodge and was a past District Deputy of The Grand Lodge of Alberta.

In 1952, after 40 years of service with the City of Edmonton, John Paterson retired from his position as Edmonton's land superintendant. He and his wife relocated to Victoria after retirement. Jeannie passed away in 1968, and John passed away on October 5, 1972. The couple had one daughter and one son together.

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