

OBITUARY

GEORGE DANIEL ALLT. 1879-1947

Though not a member of the Society, Mr. Allt was so intimately connected with the initiation and growth of State Forestry in Ireland that a record of his services and a tribute to his memory is not out of place in this Journal.

He entered the Civil Service in 1899 and was transferred to the old Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in 1902. He was one of the first officers to be appointed to its Forestry Section and saw the earliest steps in the formation of a State Forest Service, including the acquisition of the Parnell Estate as a School of Forestry and demonstration area. For a period during the 1914-'18 war, he was transferred to the War Office, in which he had previously served. From the date of his return in 1920 his fortunes were bound up with those of the Forestry Division under the old Department of Agriculture, the Forestry Commission, the new Department of Agriculture and finally the Department of Lands, until in 1934 he was transferred on promotion to the Land Commission.

Up to his death he never lost interest in forestry matters and was always anxious to keep in touch with the latest developments. Of a reserved disposition, Mr. Allt did not make friends easily but those who had the privilege of knowing him intimately valued it accordingly and had a very high opinion of his straightforward character and undoubted abilities.