

NAME: Bedson, Samuel Lawrence **PARISH:**

ENTERED SERVICE:

DATES: 1842-1891

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*: Position: Post: District: HBCA Reference:

**An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

Warden, Stony Mountain Penitentiary, was born in England, February 3, 1842. He was married twice: in 1873 to Jemima A. Murray, daughter of Chief Factor A. H. Murray, and they had four children; in 1890 to a daughter of Chief Factor McTavish. He came to Canada as a non-commissioned officer with the sixteenth regiment. On the Regiment's being recalled he remained in Montreal. He came west with the Wolseley expedition in 1870, serving as quarter master sergeant of the Second Quebec Battalion. When Wolseley returned east Bedson remained in charge of prisoners at Lower Fort Garry. In May 1871 he was appointed Warden of the Manitoba Penitentiary, which was located at Lower Fort Garry until 1876, and from that date at Stony Mountain. In 1885 he was given charge of the transport service for the North-West Rebellion.

He was an avid sportsman, a member of the Manitoba Rifle Association, president of the Stony Mountain Curling club, a member of the Masonic Order and Rector's Warden at Victoria Anglican Church, Balmoral. Following superannuation in February 1891, he went to Ottawa as an A.D.C. to the Governor-General and to serve on the Alaska Boundary Commission. He died suddenly on July 17, 1891 and his body was returned to Winnipeg for burial in St. Johns Cathedral cemetery.

