

JANSEN, Hon. Ernest George, B.A. LL.B; LL.D. (Hon): Governor-General of the Union of South Africa since 1951; b. 7 Aug. 1881; m. M.M., d. of S. Pellissier and g.d. of Rev. J.P. Pellissier, a French Missionary; one s. Educ; at home on farm near Dundee; Ladysmith; Durban. B.A., LL.B. (Cape) private study; LL.D. (h.c. Witwatersrand University); LL.D. (h.c. Natal ~~Natal~~ University). Admitted as Attorney, 1906, and a few years later as Advocate in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, where he took active part in politics. In 1915 joined National Party, which was established that year, and contested Umvoti seat. Member of Independence Deputation to England, 1919; contested Vryheid seat, 1920; gained Vryheid seat from General Emmett, 1921, and for 22 years represented Vryheid in House of Assembly. On assumption of office by Hertzog Govt., 1924, became Speaker; Leader of S. African Parl. Party which toured Canada, 1928; Minister of Native Affairs, 1929; again took office as Speaker, 1933-43, was defeated in Vryheid and Zululand Constituencies, respectively 1943 and 1947. After death of General Kemp, was elected National Party M.P. for Wolmaransstad, Transvaal 1947; Minister of Native Affairs, 1948-50. Has always played leading role in cultural sphere; since 1906 has taken a prominent part in all movements in Natal for promoting the cause of Afrikaners; served for many years on Councils of Natal University College and University of South Africa; until recently was a member of Council of University of Pretoria; Chm. of Voortrekker Centenary Cttee., 1938; Chm. Voortrekker Monument ∇ Inauguration Cttee., 1949. One of original members of S. African Acad, for Science and Arts (Afrikaans), founded in 1909 and recently appointed hon. life member; Chairman of Central National Monuments Commn. since 1931.

Publications: Die Natalse Boerekongres; Die Voortrekkers in Natal, Die Voortrekkertyd; many articles in Die Huisgenoot and other periodicals; editor of the National Party's English newspaper New Era (now defunct).

Recreations: was a good athlete and cricketer.

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His Excellency is a keen reader and collector of Africana and possesses a very fine Africana Library. Is also keen historian and has already published a pamphlet and book on the history of the Voortrekkers in Natal.



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