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### FROM THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF GIORGI ZDANOVICH (MAYASHVILI)

Although the Polish diaspora in Georgia was small, its representatives still managed to play a very important role in the history of our country. In particular, a number of people of Polish origin along with Georgian patriots bravely fought to defend national interests of the Georgian people. Giorgi Zdanovich (1855-1917) was one of them.

At the end of his life Zdanovich became very close to the Socialist-Federalists in search for the ways to solve national and social problems. Two main principles determining his revolutionary ideology were creating a qualitatively new model of economic development of the country and obtaining national-territorial autonomy under the Russian Empire. As time passed, G. Zdanovich became increasingly committed to his views. Through his practical accomplishments and publicist activities he was determined to achieve the above-mentioned aim. Unfortunately, the patriot who actively fought for the liberation of our country from the Russian Empire died in July 1917, a few months earlier before his supreme national ideals became real.