

located in the southern part of the Colony he carried out an extensive mountain road between Colombo and Cooma, crossing what is known as Brown Mountain, to connect the south eastern portion of the Colony with the Cooma railway terminus.

Prior to entering the Works Department Mr. Postle had paid great attention to refrigeration, and in 1868 took out a patent for an expansion cylinder used in conjunction with a compression cylinder to form a dry-air refrigerating machine. He subsequently took out other patents in connection with this matter, and also carried out a number of experiments which demonstrated that the effect of moisture in the atmosphere had a greater influence upon the length of time which frozen meat would keep than mere differences in temperature.

Mr. Postle was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 3rd December, 1889.

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DAVID McTAGGART SYMMERS, M.A. (*Aberdeen*), died in Aberdeen on the 20th August, 1903. Born on the 14th January, 1870, he was educated at Gordon's College and at Aberdeen University, where he graduated in arts in 1893. After serving a pupilage to Mr. Patrick M. Barnett, he was appointed an Engineering Assistant on the staff of the Great North of Scotland Railway, on which he was engaged until 1899, when he entered the service of the Aberdeen Harbour Commission, under Mr. R. Gordon Nicol, the Engineer-in-Chief. Under Mr. Nicol he was employed in various works of improvement at the Port of Aberdeen, including the construction of timber wharves, masonry quay walls with cylinder foundations, the reconstruction works of Regent Bridge, and Point Law Improvement Works. He was a most reliable and trustworthy engineer, conscientious and scrupulously accurate in all his work. He took great interest in the local engineering and scientific societies, and contributed in 1902 a Paper on "The Stresses in Masonry Arches" to the Aberdeen Association of Civil Engineers, of which he was a member.

Mr. Symmers was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 2nd April, 1901.

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HENRY ANDREW VIVIAN, born at Camborne, Cornwall, on the 31st January, 1824, obtained his early engineering training in a mine in Devonshire, where he remained for about two years. He then became Land and Mineral Agent and Manager of an