

surveying for this railway, he tumbled down a cliff some 60 feet high, and was invalided home in March 1880. He returned to India in the following October; in May 1881 was made Executive Engineer, Fourth grade, and in 1883 got another step. He was Under Secretary to the Bengal Government P.W.D. Railway Branch at his death, which happened on May 4th, 1884, of typhoid fever, after three weeks' illness at Darjeeling.

Mr. Peel was exceedingly popular in the service, and was said to be one of the most rising Cheltonians in India. Although of a retiring disposition in private life, he was a thorough sportsman, riding well to hounds, was much addicted to pigsticking, possessed a few steeplechase horses, which carried him to victory on more than one occasion, and had many trophies to show of his prowess with the rifle among the bear, the tiger, and other wild animals of the Himalayan forests.

He was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 4th of February, 1879.

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MERVYN JAMES BUTLER PRATT, son of Mr. James Butler Pratt, late County-Surveyor of Leitrim, was born on the 5th of December, 1857. At the age of fifteen he entered Trinity College, Dublin, and graduated M.A. in 1877, with First Gold Medal, Moderatorship, and Professor Leslie's prize in experimental science. He was for two years assistant to Professor Leslie in the laboratory, and on the death of that gifted man, Mr. Pratt became assistant to his father on the County Relief Works in Leitrim. In May, 1881, he became assistant to Mr. J. R. Manning, M. Inst. C.E., the chief engineer of the Shannon Improvement Works. He built the weirs and sluices at Jamestown, and was subsequently engaged on similar works at Killaloe, Banagher, &c.; he was also engineer to several drainage works in Leitrim and Longford. In 1883 he was appointed by the directors of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland to carry out the Killeshandra branch of that line, and was actively employed on the work at the period of his untimely death, which occurred on the 16th of March, 1884, from the effects of a surgical operation.

Mr. Pratt was elected an Associate Member on the 6th of February, 1883, having previously been a Student of the Institution.

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