

HUGH VICKERMAN, who was born on 20 December, 1880, died on 14 October, 1960.

Educated at Auckland Grammar School, he studied engineering at Auckland University College and Victoria College, Wellington. He obtained his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in 1909 and 1914 respectively.

He received his practical training from 1901-5 with the New Zealand Public Works Department, under Messrs. P. S. Hay and R. W. Holmes, and passed the Associate Membership examination in 1908.

As an Assistant Engineer he conducted surveys and supervised the construction work for the New Zealand Midland Railway from 1905-7.

He worked in a similar capacity in the Head Office, Public Works Department, Wellington, from 1907-9, where he was engaged on the design of various classes of railway works, heavy earthworks, tunnels, bridges and steel viaducts, plate-laying, ballasting, buildings etc.

In 1909 he was in local charge of construction of the New Zealand Midland Railway from Broken River to Cass.

He was appointed Resident Engineer and from 1909-13 was in local charge of all public works in the Canterbury District, including construction of the New Zealand Midland Railway from Cass to Arthur's Pass, 14 miles; supervision of Arthur's Pass Tunnel contract; construction of South Island Main Trunk Railway from Mina to Parnassus; surveys of Lake Coleridge hydro-electric scheme; all government roadworks throughout Canterbury provincial district; also construction of new and maintenance of all old public buildings in the same area.

From 1913-15 he was Office and Staff Engineer, Head Office, and Assisting Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, in departmental administration and in designing and directing the construction of all classes of civil and marine public works throughout the Dominion.

From 1915-19 he saw war service in France as Captain and Major, Officer Commanding New Zealand Tunnelling Company, engaged in extensive mining, tunnelling, roading and bridging works.

From 1919-20 he was attached to Head Office of the New Zealand Public Works Department as Inspecting Engineer, inspecting works throughout New Zealand and also reporting on public works required in Western Samoa.

In 1920 he entered private practice as Consulting Engineer and Partner in the firm of Messrs Hay & Vickerman, later Hay, Vickerman & Lancaster and lastly Vickerman & Lancaster.

He took a leading part in designing hydro-electric schemes and installations; a new factory for New Zealand Paper Mills, railways, marine works, reinforced-concrete wharves, as well as various roads, bridges and industrial works.

He received the D.S.O. and O.B.E. (Military) in recognition of his services.

Elected an Associate Member in 1909, he was transferred to the class of Members in 1924. Mr Vickerman was a Past-President of the New Zealand Institution of Engineers.

He is survived by his widow and sister.

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