

end he visited, in 1963, Canada, the United States and Europe at the request of the Ministry of Transport.

Death on the brink of retirement forestalled his attendance at the inauguration of the East Midlands Airport by the Duke of Edinburgh—a project into which he had poured effort and experience. This was the culmination of his career, and the runway, rather than the many road and bridge schemes to his credit, will be regarded by engineering friends as his particular memorial.

He was the author of a paper presented to the Institution, 'Winter conditions and the civil engineer: roads'. J. 30 (March 1948), 4. Discussion: 40.

Mr Mehew was a member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers and a Fellow of the Institution of Highway Engineers: he was also an associate member of the Town Planning Institute. For his services to civil defence he was awarded the O.B.E. in 1946 and for his contribution to highway engineering the C.B.E. in 1961. He was Hon. Secretary to the County Surveyors' Society from 1955 to 1958, when he became Vice-President, and later President. He served the Road Research Laboratory for 8 years, and was actively concerned with the British Standards Association and the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses. Although so active in the civil engineering field, his private life was a full and happy one and among his hobbies were cars, fishing and small-bore rifle shooting.

Elected an Associate Member in 1928, he became a Member in 1950.

He is survived by his widow, a son and two daughters.

WALTER ARTHUR VALON, who was born on 12 February, 1872, died on 28 August, 1965.

He received his early training from 1887–1892 as pupil to his father, Mr W. A. McIntosh Valon, Consulting Engineer, and gained early experience as Assistant Engineer to Ramsgate Corporation in the gas, water and electricity departments. Five years later he went into partnership with his father in Westminster (as W. A. Valon & Son), and carried on the practice after his death, specializing in gas and water engineering. During this period (1897–1909) with the gas industry leaping ahead, he was engaged on the design and construction of many retort houses, purifiers and gasometers, including those at Ramsgate, Woking, Westgate and Enfield. He became Engineer to the Enfield Gas Company, designed and constructed extensions to their gasworks, and from 1901 to 1913 was in general control. In the sphere of water engineering he was responsible for the maintenance of sea walls at Ramsgate and Westgate, for the reconstruction of a river wall on the Medway at Hoo, and for the design of an outfall sewer and sea wall for Falmouth Corporation. He also designed and constructed a steel bridge over the River Stour.

Meantime he undertook extensive arbitration and Parliamentary work and advised many local authorities on gas and water legislation. His advice was also sought by the Gas Light & Coke Company, the Danish Gas Company, the Metropolitan Water Board, London County Council, Middlesex County Council, the Great Central Railway and the Manchester Ship Canal Company.

During World War I he was military representative for the Chiswick area from 1915–1919 and served with the IV Battalion, Middlesex Volunteer Regiment, with the rank of Captain.

Mr Valon had succeeded his father as a Director of West's Gas Improve-

ment Company Ltd in 1910 and remained on the Board of the Company (now known as W.G.I. Ltd) until 1964. For many years he was a Director of West's Piling and Construction Company Ltd, of which he was Chairman from 1959-65, when he became President. He was also a Director of the Derbyshire Silica Firebrick Company Ltd.

Author of a book, 'The rating of gas and water undertakings' (W. King, 1912), he was a Fellow of the Society of Engineers (of which he became President in 1913) and one of the first members of the Institution of Gas Engineers, which he joined as an associate member in 1890 and of which he became an honorary member in 1965. He was also a member of the Institution of Water Engineers, of which he was Secretary from 1920-1925.

He was admitted as a student of the Institution in 1894 and was on the roll for 71 years. Elected an Associate Member in 1897, he became a Member in 1913.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter.