



JAS. MACDONALD (Vice-President, Inst. Mar. Eng.)

The death of Mr. James Macdonald, at Melbourne, in January, created a general feeling of deep regret among his friends and the circle amid which he moved in the execution of his official duties in Hong Kong, where he was highly respected and esteemed. Mr. Macdonald's health had for some time past been very much impaired, for this reason he, along with Mrs. Macdonald, made a trip to New Zealand and Australia. On the return voyage between New Zealand and Australia, he took seriously ill, and on arrival at Melbourne, he had to be taken ashore and there he passed away in hospital. The late Mr. Macdonald was a vice-president of the Institute of Marine Engineers and a past president of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Hong Kong, constantly taking active interest in their welfare. His death has occasioned the Hong Kong Government the loss of a most efficient officer, whose post will be difficult to replace. The engineers of the

China Coast and the general public, with whom his office almost constantly brought him in touch, have frequently born testimony to his unvarying courtesy and ability.

Mr. Macdonald was born in 1866 at Millport, Buteshire, Scotland. He was educated at the High School, Glasgow, and served his apprenticeship with the firm of Messrs. A. and J. Inglis. As a young man he was a pupil of the Anderson College of Engineering, Glasgow, passing the various subjects for which he studied, with distinction. Arriving in Hong Kong in 1887, he served for a period at sea in steamers in Eastern waters, afterwards he occupied the position of draughtsman with the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. He then became manager for the firm of Thos. Kerr and Co., and later joined the service of the Hong Kong Government, as Marine Surveyor, finally becoming Head of the Department, which position he held until his death. He completed a period of 28 years in the Colonial Government Service, and at the time of his death was returning to Hong Kong to retire on a well-earned pension. Mr. Macdonald was a Fellow of a number of Institutions in connection with his calling, in addition to the Institute of Marine Engineers, the Royal Society of Arts, the Institution of Naval Architects, and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. His remains were brought to Hong Kong for interment in the Colony with which he had so long and so honourably been associated.

Mr. Macdonald leaves a widow, one son and two daughters, to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

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