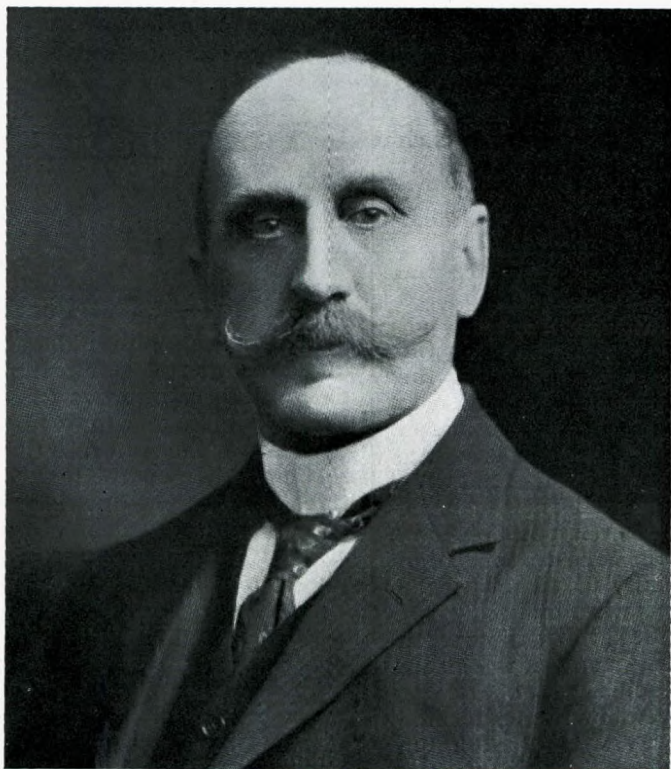


It is with regret that we record the death of John Clark, who was well known to many of our members. He was born in 1848 at Campbletown, where he also received his early schooling. He afterwards served his engineering apprenticeship with Jas. Aitken & Co., Cranstonhill, Glasgow, in the works subsequently carried on by Rait & Lindsay. Mr. Rait in later years came to London and started the firm of Rait & Gardiner, Royal Albert Dock. It is of further interest to note that Dr. Kirk and David Rowan were associated with Jas. Aitken & Co.'s works.

John Clark added to his experience by serving in Denny & Co.'s works, Dumbarton, and when the opportunity arrived he went to sea as 4th engineer in the B.I.S.N. Co.'s "Ethiopia," built by Denny & Co., in 1868, with two cylinder engines, surface condenser and 25lbs. boiler pressure for the Indian coast service. He gradually gained promotion to chief, and in 1874 was appointed Assistant Superintendent Engineer in Calcutta. In 1878 he was promoted to Superintendent Engineer Acting in Bombay, and elected by the Government Board to supervise the Examination of Engineers for Certificates. In 1881 he was appointed Resident Superintendent Engineer in Calcutta and was transferred from India in 1887 to the Head Office in Glasgow as Superintendent Engineer for the construction of new vessels. The head office was removed to London in 1893, when Mr. Clark also removed.

On retiring from office with the B.I.S.N. Co. he became associated with Jas. Howden & Co. in London, and subsequently with Dr. Kapadia in connection with the process for preservation and carriage of fruit and other products. He took a deep interest in the work of the Institute, and was a Member of Council, and served on Committees, during 1903-1910.



JOHN CLARK (Member 704).