

Association of Professional Engineers
of the
Province of Manitoba

Merit Award

to

WILLIAM HENRY KASPERSKI

B.Sc. M.E., P.Eng.

Born June 26, 1920

Admiral, Saskatchewan

William Henry Kasperski graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in Mechanical Engineering in 1949 having served in the Royal Canadian Artillery in the Italian Campaign and in Holland during World War II. He was commissioned in 1943 and later served as regimental Convoy Officer. He worked as Plant Maintenance and Construction Engineer for eight years for Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company before joining the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board as Resident Engineer at Selkirk in 1957 where he was later Manager.

In 1961 he went to Grand Rapids as Resident Engineer remaining there until the completion of that project in 1965. In 1966 he went with the first contingent to the Kettle Rapids site. After a year in Winnipeg as Construction Manager, Nelson River Projects, Stage 1, which involved the Kettle site, Lake Winnipeg Regulation and the Churchill River Diversion, he returned to Kettle Rapids as Resident Engineer, a post that he held until 1972. The first unit in the plant went on line four months ahead of schedule. In 1973 he was named Assistant Director of a newly formed Generating Projects Division.

In 1976 he took leave to serve as Construction Manager for ATCO Industries in Saudi Arabia, moving in 1977 to work with Comstock in Bahrain as Project Manager of a 500 bed hospital and integrated medical centre. His retirement from Manitoba Hydro became effective from December 31, 1977.

While no venture of the scope of Kettle Rapids is possible without the talents and efforts of many, in his capacity of Resident Manager Bill Kasperski merits special recognition for his personal contributions to the success of that project. His perseverance, ingenuity and leadership in mobilizing to a successful end massive amounts of material and equipment and an army of workmen in a remote and harsh environment, bring great honour to him and in turn to this Association.

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