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Master of Engineering

Stern officialdom has no place in the temperament of Mr. R. H. Chapman (chief engineer of railways), who will leave shortly on an official tour of United States, Canada, Great Britain, and possibly South Africa.

It is pleasing to South Australians to know that Mr. Chapman is a product of the Adelaide University. He is a son



Mr. R. H. Chapman

of Professor R. W. Chapman, professor of engineering at that seat of learning.

He had a successful university career, attaining his bachelor of science degree in 1910, and that of engineering in 1913.

After 12 months' mining and general engineering experience, Mr. Chapman joined the construction department of the New South Wales Railways in 1911. Here he gained a varied knowledge in design and construction until enlisting in 1915, when he had risen to the position of assistant engineer on the North Coast Railway then being constructed between the towns of Wauchope and Kempsey.

It was not until 1921 that he graduated as a master of engineering. In the meantime he had served through the war with the British Royal Engineers, thereby gaining experience which stands him in good stead.

On his return to Australia Mr. Chapman again took up railway work in New South Wales, but returned to his native State in September, 1923 to join the railways department in the capacity of assistant engineer in charge of construction of the new Murray Bridge. In February, 1924 he was appointed acting chief engineer, and in the following July succeeded Mr. F. W. Stephen as chief engineer.

Much of Mr. Chapman's time is at present taken up in supervising work at Murray Bridge.

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