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ALEX DOW- President, The Detroit Edison Co. (since 1912)

Past-President, American Society of Mechanical
Engineers

One of the extremely few pioneers in the electrical industry who are living; certainly the only one now still president and executive;

By his acumen, not only in foreseeing the trend in engineering but in economics, his companies - particularly the Detroit Edison Company- are among the strongest in the nation at the moment and have been so all during the depression;

By common consent is entitled to the credit for the engineering and financial success of his enterprises;

Has led all others, in this country, in pioneer work in engineering, rate making and general operation of the electric light and power utility, and his papers on public utility and light and power subjects have been used almost as textbooks;

The father of the so-called "Big" steam boiler in this country, having installed 2,350 hp boilers at a time when 600 to 750 hp units were commonly considered large.

The first to adopt the underfeed stoker for large installations and much of the earlier development of this type was made in his power plants.

Designed and built the original public lighting plant owned by the city of Detroit.

Together with engineers whom he associated with himself, Mr. Dow designed and built not only the well-known Conners Creek electric power plant in Detroit but also the Marysville and Trenton Channel plants.