



*David Mein Nesbit
First president HVCA 1904-09
(Ashwell & Nesbit)*

1904-1929

In the late 19th century there were lodges representing most of the craftsman in the industry, but in December 1899 there was a serious demarcation dispute between plumbing and heating engineers. Early in 1900, David Nesbit, in his capacity as President of the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, decided the time had arrived for heating engineers to take steps to safeguard their interests. On 11 April 1900 he convened a meeting of interested firms at 12 Great James Street in London, who gave him their general support. The situation worsened when clients and architects started to refuse heating engineers the opportunity to tender for plumbing work. Then some architects started giving heating contracts to plumbers. In May 1902, representatives of the plumbers and the heating engineers agreed a solution, but the operatives refused to accept it. In June 1903 Nesbit called another meeting of heating contractors. The delegates set up a committee to consider the possibility of forming an association of heating employers. The firms were to meet again on 20 January 1904 with Nesbit presiding. He wanted it clearly understood "that the proposed association was not in any way opposed to the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers; that was an institution for the furtherance of knowledge concerned with heating and ventilation whilst the new society would watch the commercial interests of contracting engineers." The association contemplated would be militant but not aggressive. The meeting then unanimously resolved to form an association to be known as the National Association of Master Heating and Domestic Engineers. This was to become the National Association of Heating, Ventilating and Domestic Engineering Employers (NAHVDEE). The new Association, which consisted of 20 firms, had its first official general meeting on 16 March 1904 when Nesbit was elected President.

By the end of 1904 there were 27 members: Ashwell & Nesbit, Brightside Foundry & Engineering, David Burnes, Clements Jeakes, Comyn Ching, W Cumblehulme, Richard Crittall, Dargue Griffiths, Dilworth & Carr, Gimson & Co (Leicester), G N Haden, Lewis Hill, J Jones, Killick & Cochran, Korting Bros, J M Leigh, Moorwod Sons, Edwin Oldroyd, Benjamin Parker, Vincent Roberts, Rosser & Russell, Saunders & Taylor, James Simpson, Wm Stainton, Teale & Somers, Henry Walker and Wippell Bros & Row.

Pioneers of an Industry



*George Nelson Haden
(G N Haden & Sons)*



*Arthur Scull
(Arthur Scull & Son)*



*Walter Jones
(Jones & Attwood)*



*J Nelson Russell
(Rosser & Russell)*



*Original premises of
Arthur Scull, Bristol*



*Frank Ashwell
(Ashwell & Nesbit)*



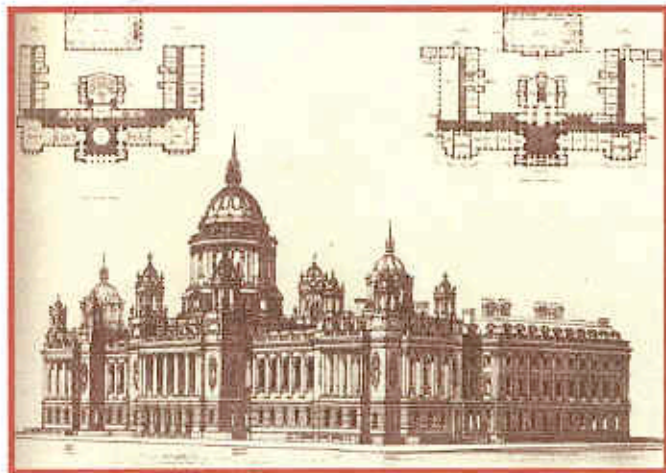
*1903 Midland Hotel, Manchester
(Heating by Ashwell & Nesbit)*



*1904 Stock Exchange, Glasgow
(LPHW heating using Reck steam
accelerator by James Boyd)*



*1905 Prudential Assurance, Holborn Bars, London
(Heating by J Jeffreys)*



*1906 Belfast City Hall
(Heating by Ashwell & Nesbit)*



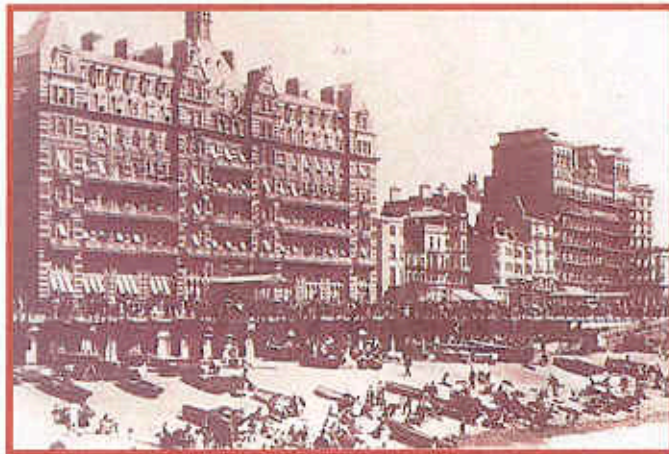
*1907 Municipal Technical Institute, Belfast
(Heating and ventilation by Henry Musgrave)*



*(Boiler plant by Ashwell & Nesbit)
1911 Central Methodist Hall, London*



*1911 Central Methodist Hall, London
(Heating and ventilation by Ashwell & Nesbit)*



*1911 Metropole Hotel, Brighton
(Heating and ventilation by Ashwell & Nesbit)*



*C Ingham Haden
President HVCA 1911-12
(G N Haden & Sons)*



*1911 Royal Liver, Liverpool
(Invisible panel warming
by Richard Crittall)*



*1911 "Francoma." (Nuvacuumette
steam heating by Ashwell & Nesbit)*



*Chas R Honiball
President HVCA 1914-15
(C R Honiball)*



*Frank Biggin
President HVCA 1918-19
(Brightside Foundry)*



Brightside Foundry, Sheffield



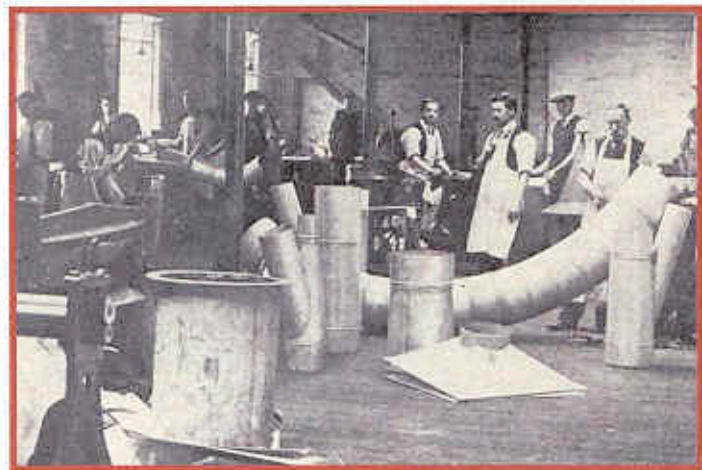
*St George's Foundry
G N Haden & Sons, Trowbridge*



Engineering Works of W Hotchkiss & Son, Eastbourne



*First premises of J S Wright
Moor Street, Birmingham*



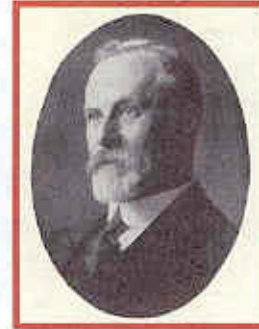
Ductwork shop of 1920s Henry Hargreaves at Bury in the 1920s



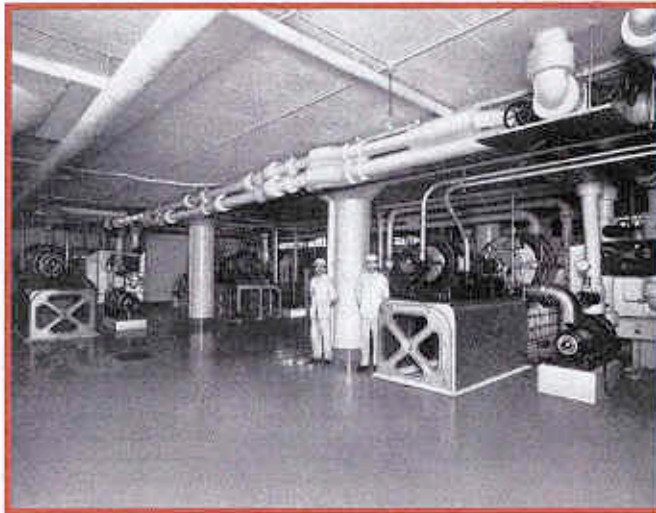
*Henry Hargreaves' bicycle shop
in Bury, Lancashire*



1922 London County Hall (Heating and ventilation by a consortium of Jeffrey's, Crittall, Haden, Norris & Dutton)



*W Nelson Haden
President HVCA 1919-20
(G N Haden & Sons)*



*1927 Wrigley Products, London
(Centrifugal chillers for air conditioning, Carrier Engineering)*



Wrigley Products, London



*1927 Manchester Ship Canal
Offices
(Heating by G N Haden & Sons)*



*1927 Berkeley Cafe, Queen's Road, Bristol
(Heating by James Crispin & Sons)*



*George Crispin
(James Crispin & Sons)*



*P M Brankston Grenville
President HVCA 1925-27
(J Jeffreys)*



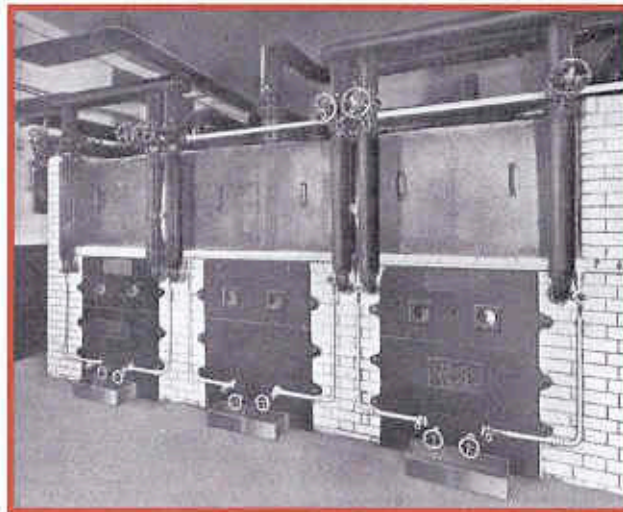
*1927 Westminster Cathedral
(Boilers converted to oil-firing
by G N Haden & Sons)*



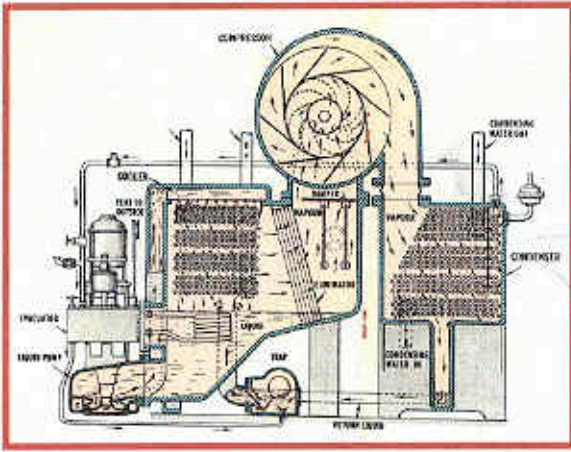
*James Elliot
President HVCA 1927-29
(Elliot, Ellis)*



*1928 Corner House, Oxford Street
(Heating by J Jeffreys)*



*1928 Bush House, London
(Oil-fired watertube boilers installed by G N Haden & Sons)*



1927 Carlton Theatre, Haymarket, London
 (Chiller serving first UK air conditioned cinema, Carrier Engineering)



1928-35 H B Watt
 Joint Secretary HVCA-IHVE



1928 Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong. (G N Haden & Sons)



1928 Lloyds HQ, London
 (Heating and ventilation by Mumford Bailey & Preston)



1929 Imperial Chemical House, Westminster, London
 (Invisible panel warming by Richard Crittall)



1929 Vintry House,
 Queen Street Place, London
 (Heating by J Jeffreys)