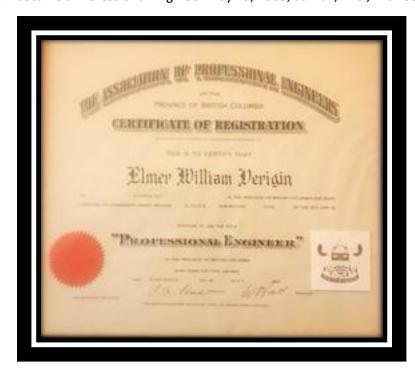
43. Association of Professional Engineers and GeoScientists of BC

I graduated from the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in 1963. I attended a ceremony at the Bessborough Hotel where all the graduating Engineers went through an "Iron Ring" Ceremony. We held a continuous chain as we repeated words from an oath that bound us forever that simply stated, we would use our knowledge for the "Care and Safety of the Public". It was not an idle oath in that every Engineer believes that more so than marriage vows, in my opinion.

All Engineers in training must work with practicing Engineers for a regulated period of time before being admitted into the Professional organization within the province of choice of his career. I started my professional Engineering career at Prince Rupert at Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. There they had some five (5) Engineers in professional standing who were willing to sign on that I had the relevant experience to be granted entrance. I became a Professional Engineer May 19, 1965, at Trail, B. C., with Certificate NO. 5276.



I received my seal and thereafter till this time I was able to seal drawings and specifications as a P.Eng. (Professional Engineer).



I must also carry Professional Liability Insurance that is currently \$3,500 per annum, that will protect my clients against my errors and omissions should failure result in my design of a structure. It is incumbent on me that I hire an Engineer in my field to check my calculations and designs.

In 1978, I was awarded the R.A. McLachlan Award at a ceremony at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, B.C. This award is only given to one Engineer a year and sometimes is missed because there was not a deserving Engineer. I was humbled by this nomination and ultimate award.



I have ceased practicing under E. Verigin Consulting in 2018.

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