

THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS
EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND ASSOCIATION

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Report on Museum Collection

Most of the items we possess were donated between 1971 when the Museum collection was formed and 1981 in which year a special exhibition of some of the items took place in the Royal Scottish Museum.

This display was kept on view for several years, but has now been dismantled.

A catalogue of all the items was prepared in 1981 and this is in two parts. Firstly, those items in what is termed the "official collection" approved by the R.S.M. and secondly a list of items in the auxiliary collection.

I might say at this point that should any of our members have occasion to arrange an exhibition, the Museum items are available for such purposes.

This year a few new items have been lodged with the R.S.M. but we are awaiting word as to whether they are acceptable for the official collection.

Perhaps an item of more concern is that for several years, the R.S.M. have been trying to persuade us to alter the original agreement and pass the actual ownership of the collection over to them. I do not wish to go into detail on this just now, but whilst certain advantages would accrue - i.e. they would spend money on repairs etc., there could also be disadvantages. My committee have so far resisted any such move but I have, however, asked Mr. Allan Simpson to send me R.S.M.'s written proposals for consideration, but can assure you that no final decisions will be made until discussions with your Chairman and the main committee have taken place.

