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MUSEUM COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 1994/05

Following considerable activity last Autumn, the Local Association's museum collection now including more than 130 artefacts, was re-opened at its new location at the internal entrance to the Department of Civil and Offshore Engineering, Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton, by the late Dr Edmund Hambly, President of the Institution on 23 November 1994. Attendance at the opening exceeded 100 and the event attracted NCE coverage.

To mark the occasion an attractively produced leaflet was kindly provided by Civil and Offshore Engineering, Heriot-Watt University and a 65 page catalogue of the exhibition by Lothian Transportation Department. The Local Association thanks both organisations for their generous support. Copies of either or both publications can be obtained on application to Dr David McGuigan, Secretary, or myself.

The exhibition is now on permanent display and anyone wishing to see it will be most welcome. Since the opening, two further donations of several items of office equipment have been accepted from Mr Arthur Turner and a high quality copy of an 18th century plan of the Comiston to Edinburgh pipe track from the national Library of Scotland.

The cost to the Institution of the relocation was held to the £2000 agreed by the Association in 1992/93 even though the total cost to the Heriot-Watt University was in excess of £6000. A budget of £100 has been requested for curation 1995 and the same for 1996

Professor Roland Paxton
Chairman