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This past year has involved the acquisition of rocker bearings from the 100m span iron truss at Bilston Viaduct, Midlothian (c.1890). These have now been delivered to Riccarton Campus and await mounting an explanatory notices. Mr Alan Heatley of Blyth & Blyth Consulting Engineers has kindly agreed to complete the artwork prepared by Fay Fyfe for the explanatory notice. It is anticipated that these new items will be on permanent display early in the new year at the west end of the Civil and Offshore Building at the Heriot-Watt University.

An approach has been made to the Welsh Assembly to see whether it might be possible to obtain on permanent loan one of the original wrought iron links from Telford's epoch-making Menai suspension bridge opened in 1826 and reconditioned in 1940. This would represent an outstanding and most worthwhile addition to the collection.

The collection is on permanent display in the Department of Civil and Offshore Engineering at the Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton. Anyone wishing to see it will be most welcome.

David McGuigan
Secretary to the Museum Committee