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The most recent donation is a 1 m length of tie with rivets from the upper part of the Forth Bridge dating from c. 1888. The tie was replaced by Network Rail in 2004.

Work is continuing on preparation of the display of the Telford winch from Fleet Mound at the School of the Built Environment, Heriot-Watt University. The winch which basically dates from 1816 or 1834 has now been cleaned and is mounted on a base in the stairwell of the Edwin Chadwick building. Two interpretive display boards, including one on Telford, are now nearly completed and spot lighting has been ordered.

A location in the stair well of William Arrol Building has been selected for the display of the 5.5 m long hangers from Portland Street Suspension Bridge, Glasgow. It is planned to erect them by the summer and to have an interpretive board prepared.

Unfortunately, work on creating a web site for the museum collection has come to a standstill as Gail Muir who had been preparing it has left to live in Strontian and is out of contact. It is intended that the site will provide on-line access to the museum catalogue, notes on the history of the museum and annual reports. The catalogue will include colour photographs of every item in the collection. It is planned to continue this work with a view to launching the site in 2006.

The collection is on permanent display in the School of the Built Environment at Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton. Anyone wishing to see it will be most welcome during normal university hours.



David McGuigan
Secretary to the Museum Committee