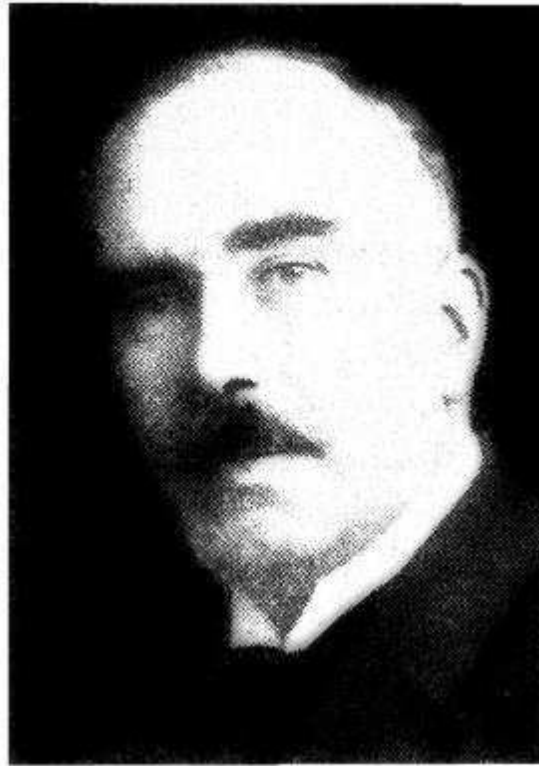


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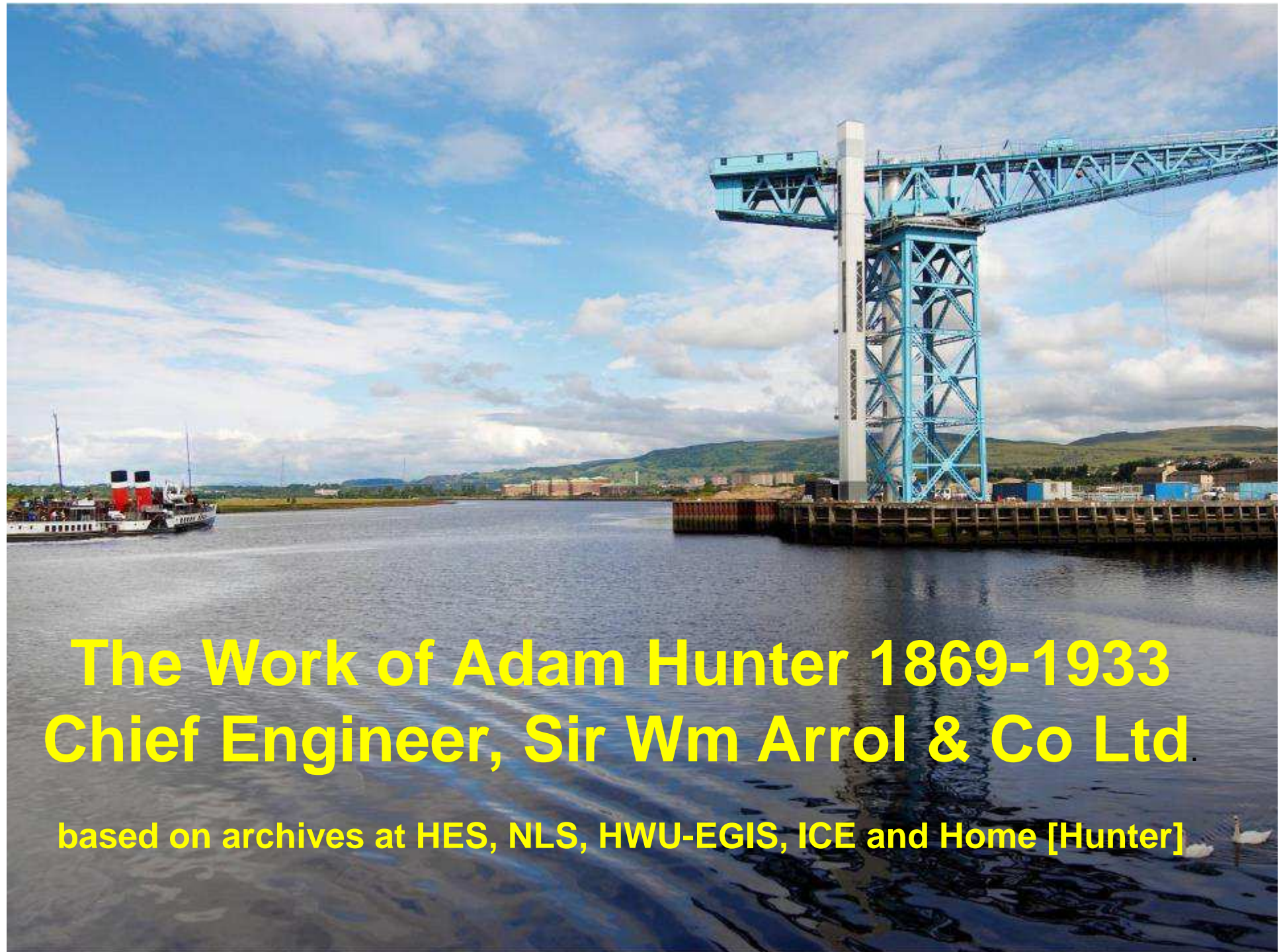
Lecture on 5 May at Longmore House, Edinburgh, by

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RCAHMS Commissioner 1992-2002, on



The Work of Adam Hunter 1869-1933
Chief Engineer, Sir Wm Arrol & Co Ltd



The Work of Adam Hunter 1869-1933 **Chief Engineer, Sir Wm Arrol & Co Ltd**

based on archives at HES, NLS, HWU-EGIS, ICE and Home [Hunter]



3.9.2000. FBVC Queensferry launch of RCAHMS Guide to International Material in its Sir Wm Arrol Collection

Author's picture taken from the crane on a visit in July 2011



This visit inspired me on behalf of ICE's Panel for Historical Engineering Works (founded 1968, whose mission includes the promotion of such works and encouraging excellence in conservation of the finest examples) **to make a case for international status for the crane** and **to try and discover details of its unknown designer**



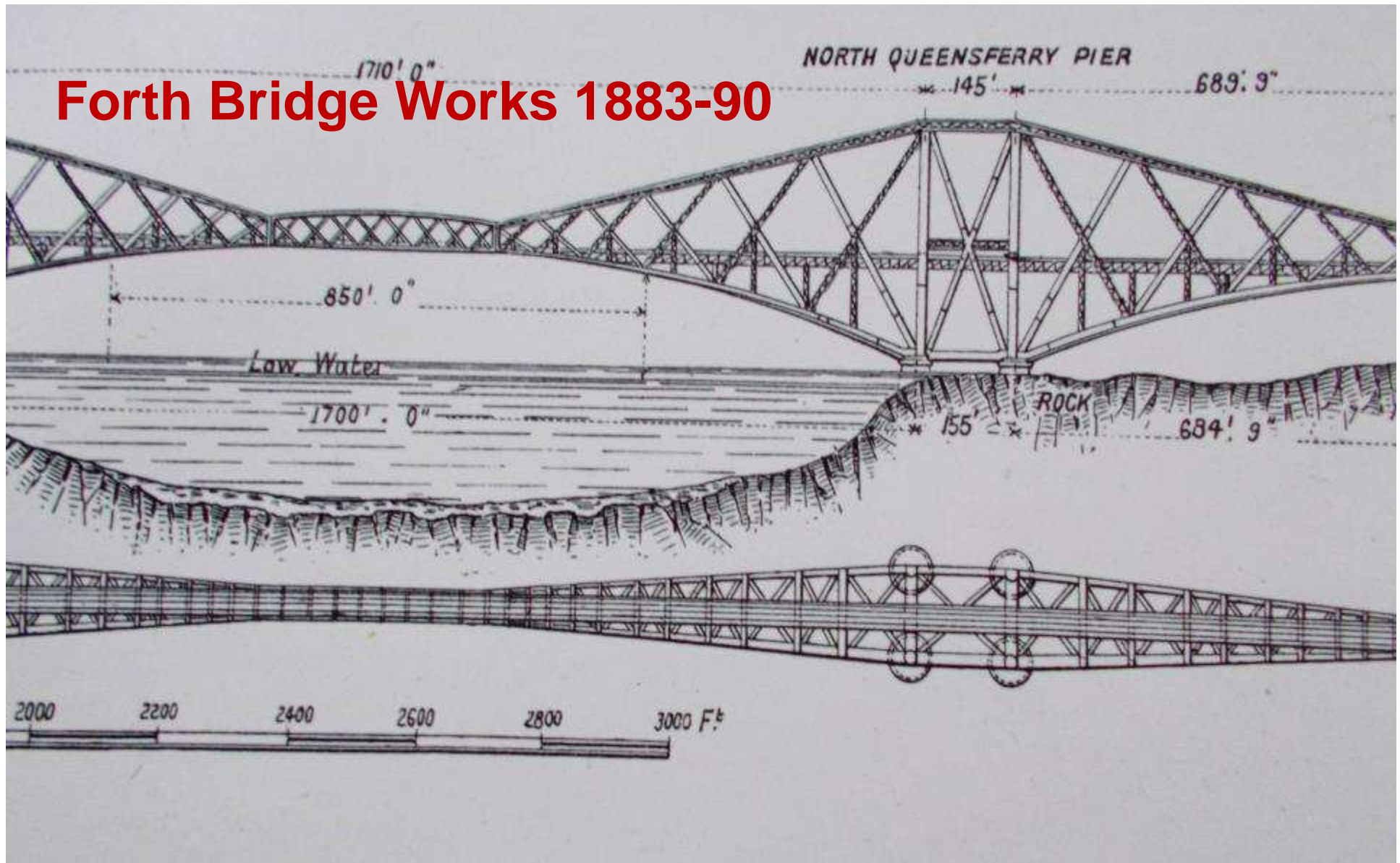
**Hunter family
originated from the
Dunfermline area of Fife**

Adam [1] 1814-94 - Elgin Colliery Engineer

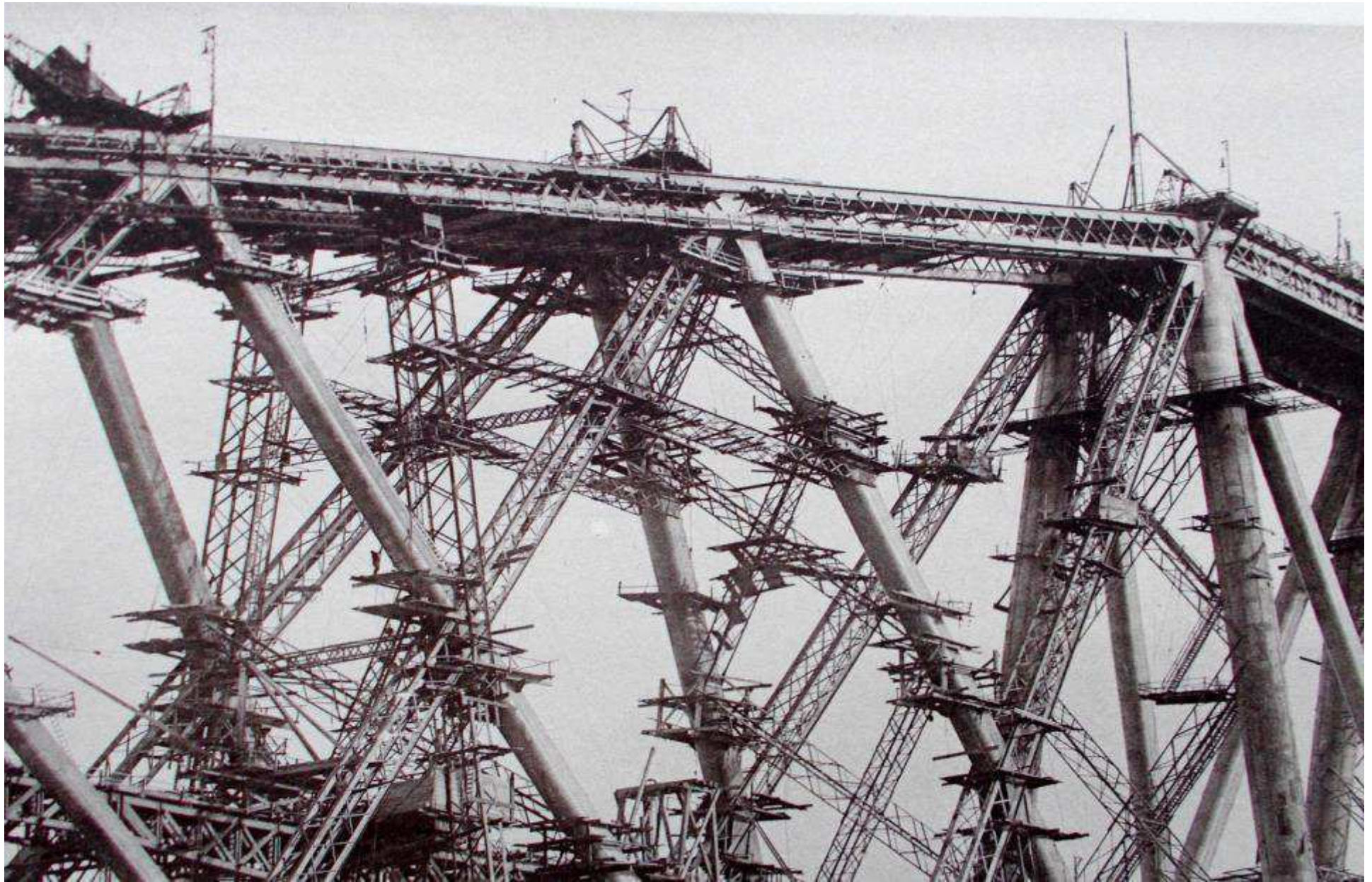
**Adam [2] 1845-1918, Engineer - i/c Forth Bridge Workshops,
Queensferry [said to have saved 2 years in bridge erection] and
from 1890, the Forth Bridge's permanent Resident Engineer**

Adam [3] b. Crossford 28.8.1869, d. Glasgow 1.11.1933

Forth Bridge Works 1883-90

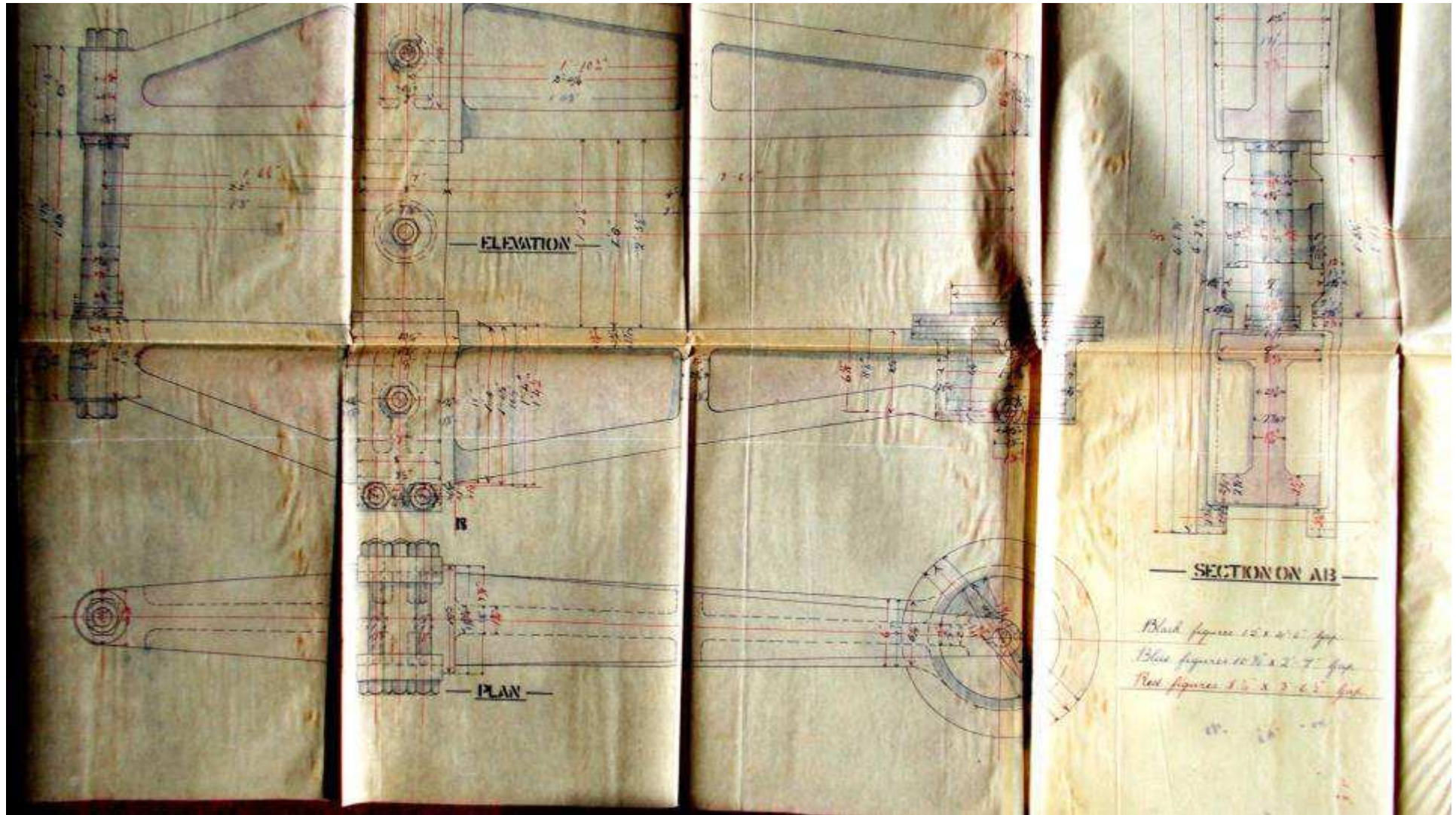


From 1886-89 Hunter was apprenticed to James Tuit MICE of contractor Tancred, Arrol & Co. on the erection of the world's then largest steel bridge [Westhofen, pl.III]



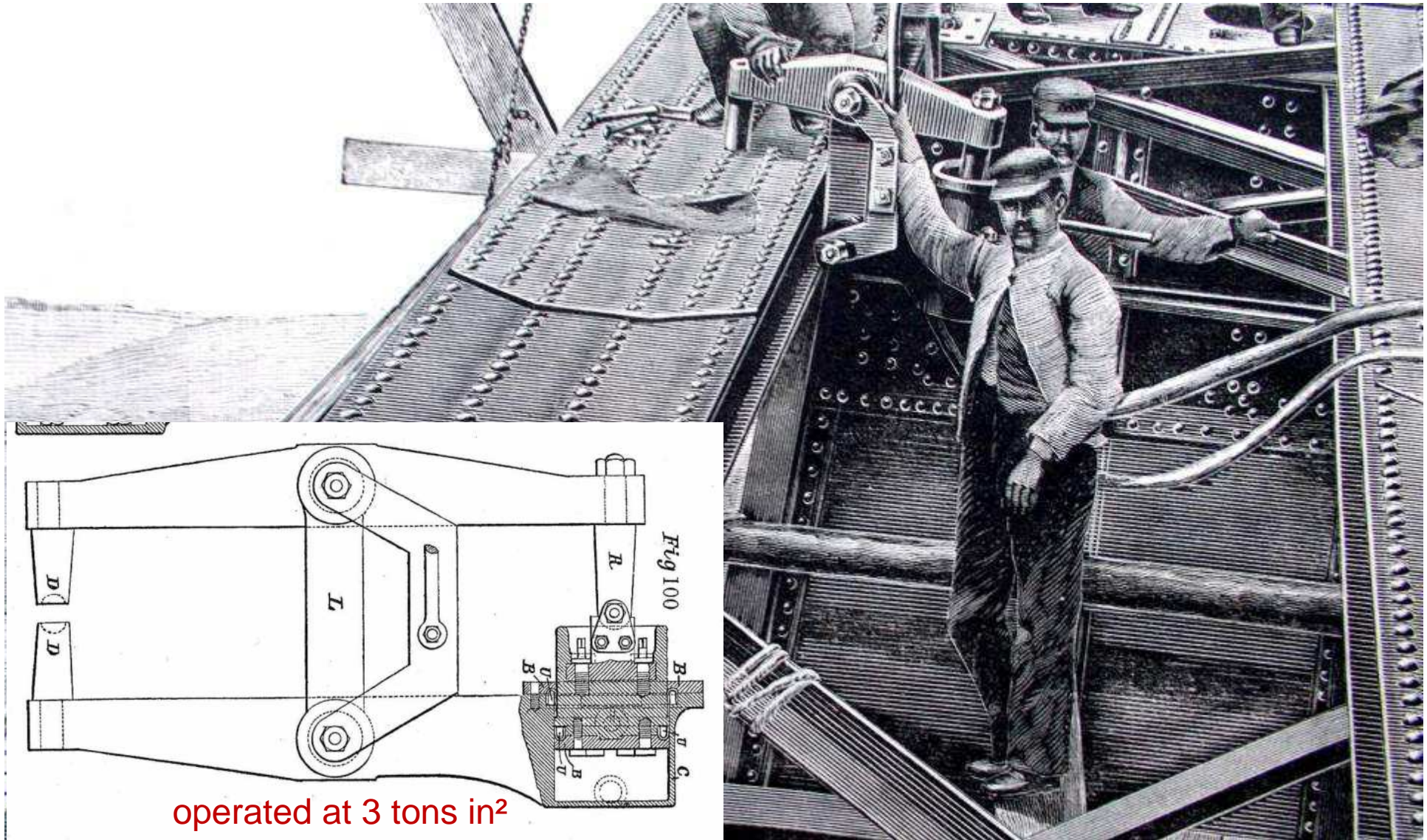
**Forth Bridge balanced cantilever construction in progress
at North Queensferry in 1888**

[Hunter Archive]



Forth Bridge Works – Hunter's copy of riveter drawing

[Hunter Archive]



Forth Bridge – jointed hydraulic riveter in use near cantilever top [*The Engineer*, 9 November 1888 - inset Westhofen]

Arrol jointed hydraulic riveter c.1888
[ICE Scotland Museum Heriot-Watt
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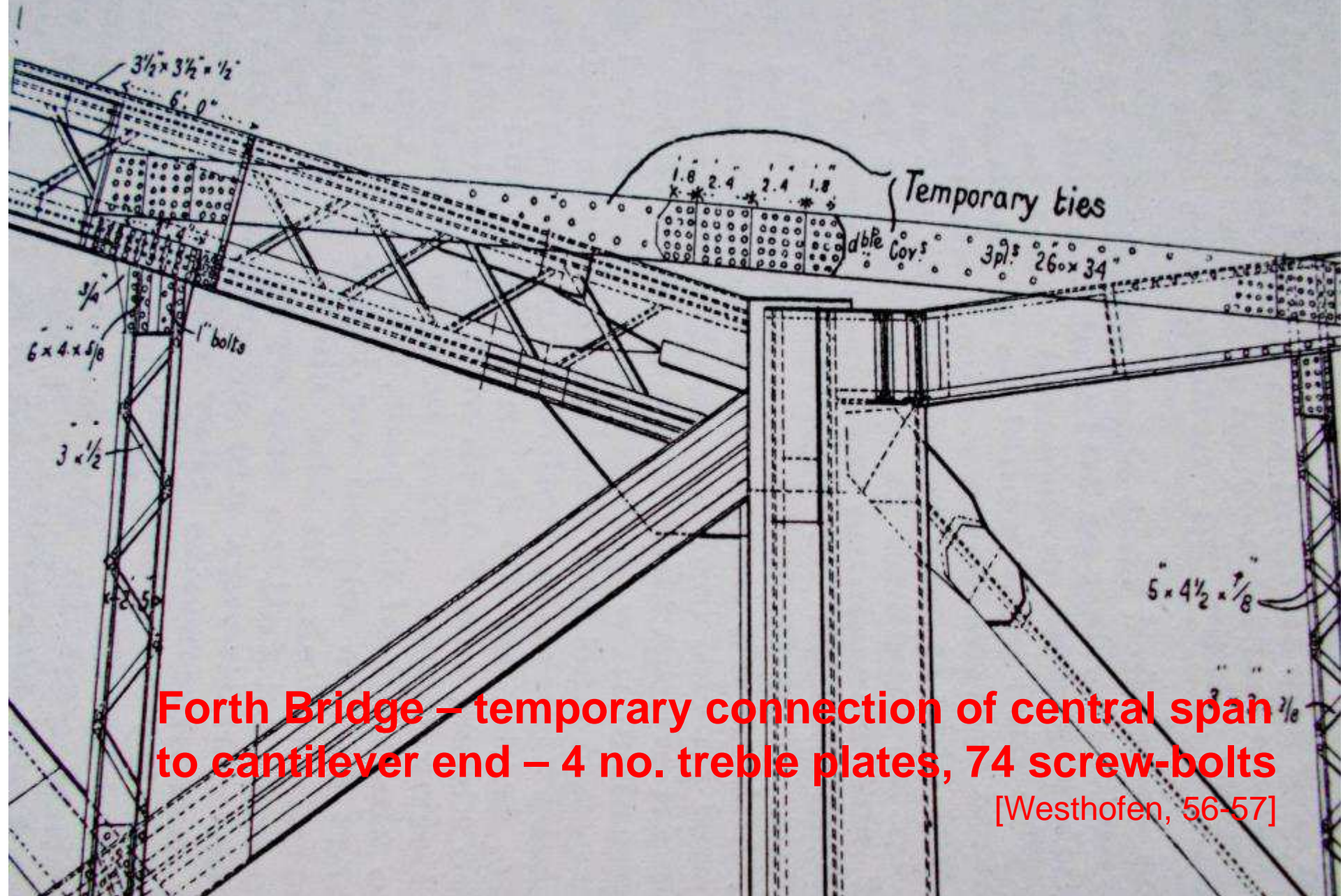
Impressive letter heading of Sir William Arrol & Co. Ltd on a testimonial for C.P. Hogg of Crouch & Hogg [Hunter Archive]



**Forth Bridge suspended span under construction in 1889
Young Hunter was one of many engaged at the work-yard on
the south bank on the bridge's fabrication and erection**

[Phillips, *Forth Bridge* 1890, pl. 34B]

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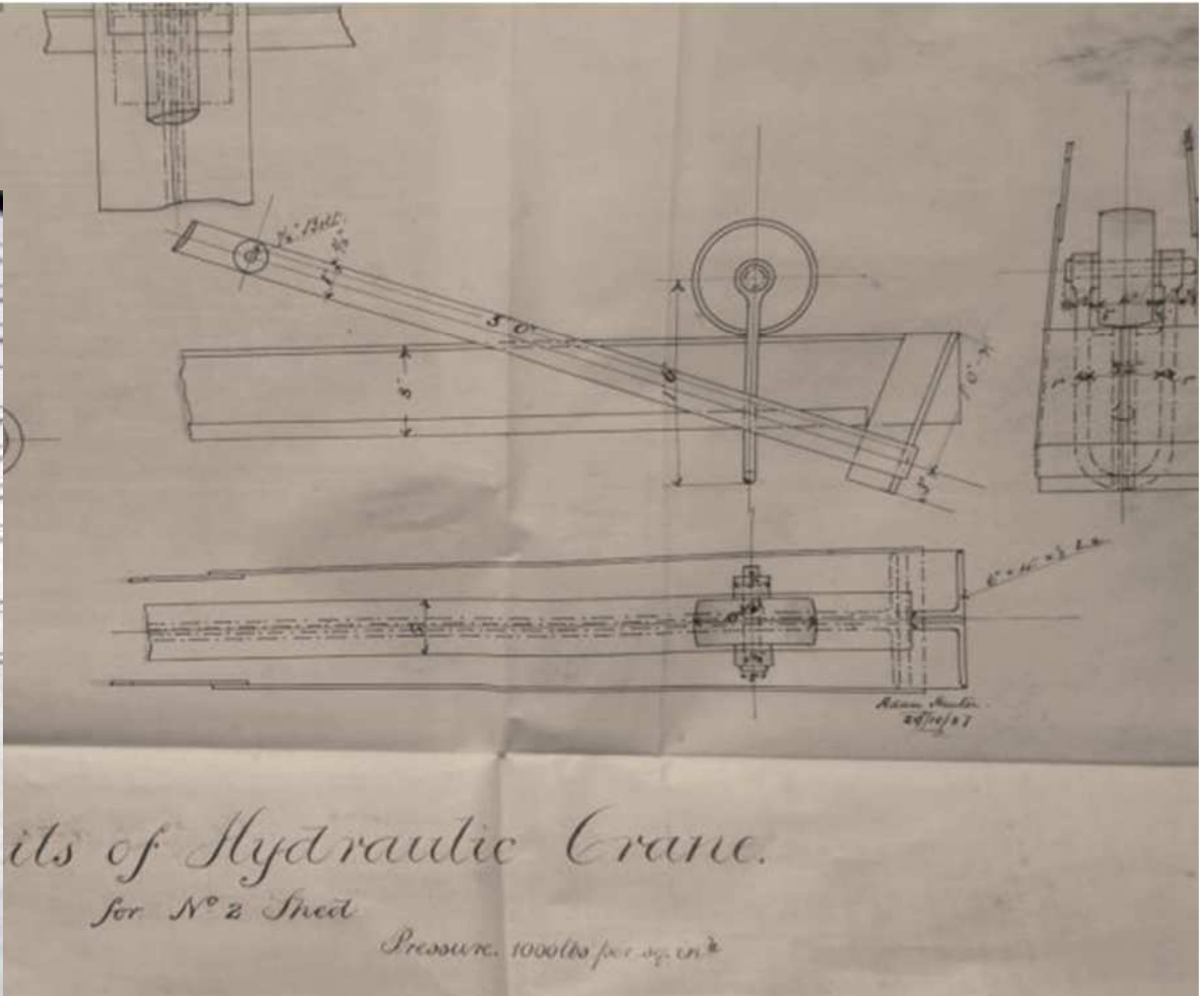
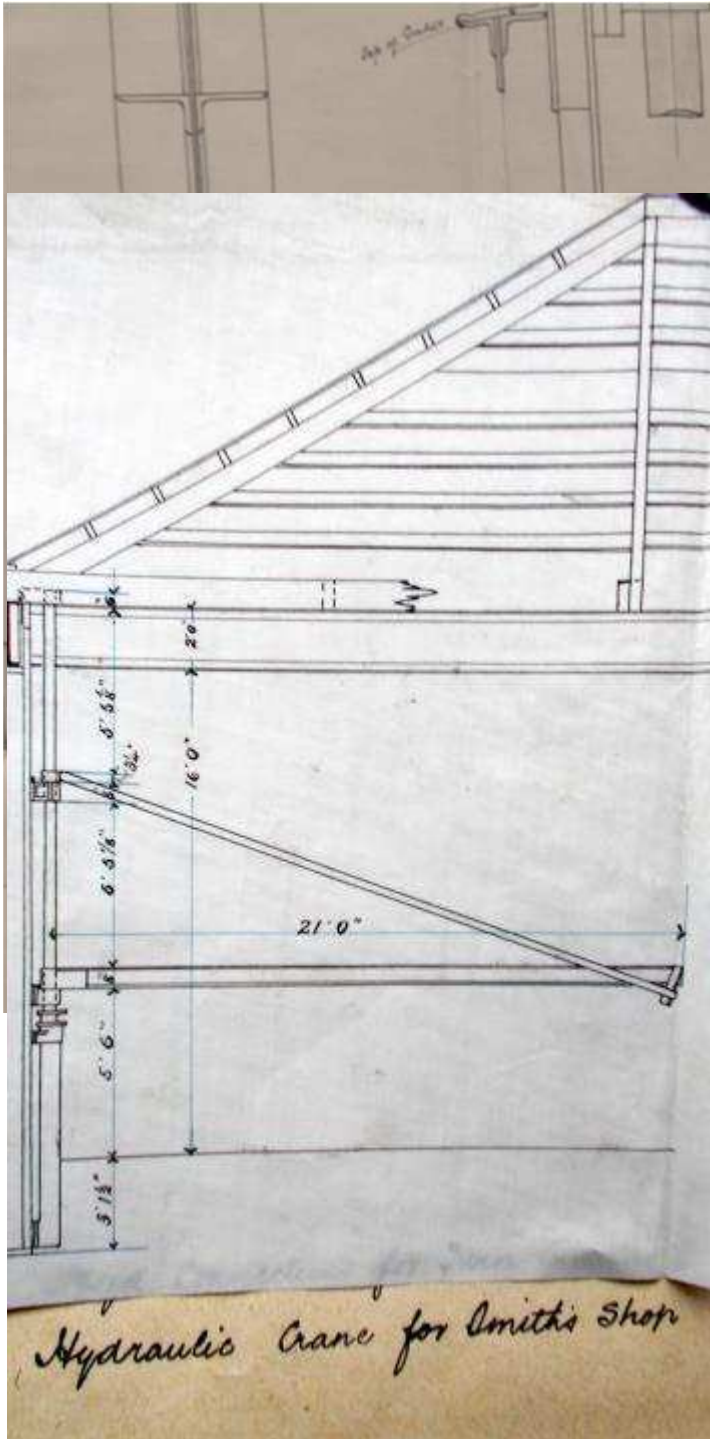


Forth Bridge – temporary connection of central span to cantilever end – 4 no. treble plates, 74 screw-bolts

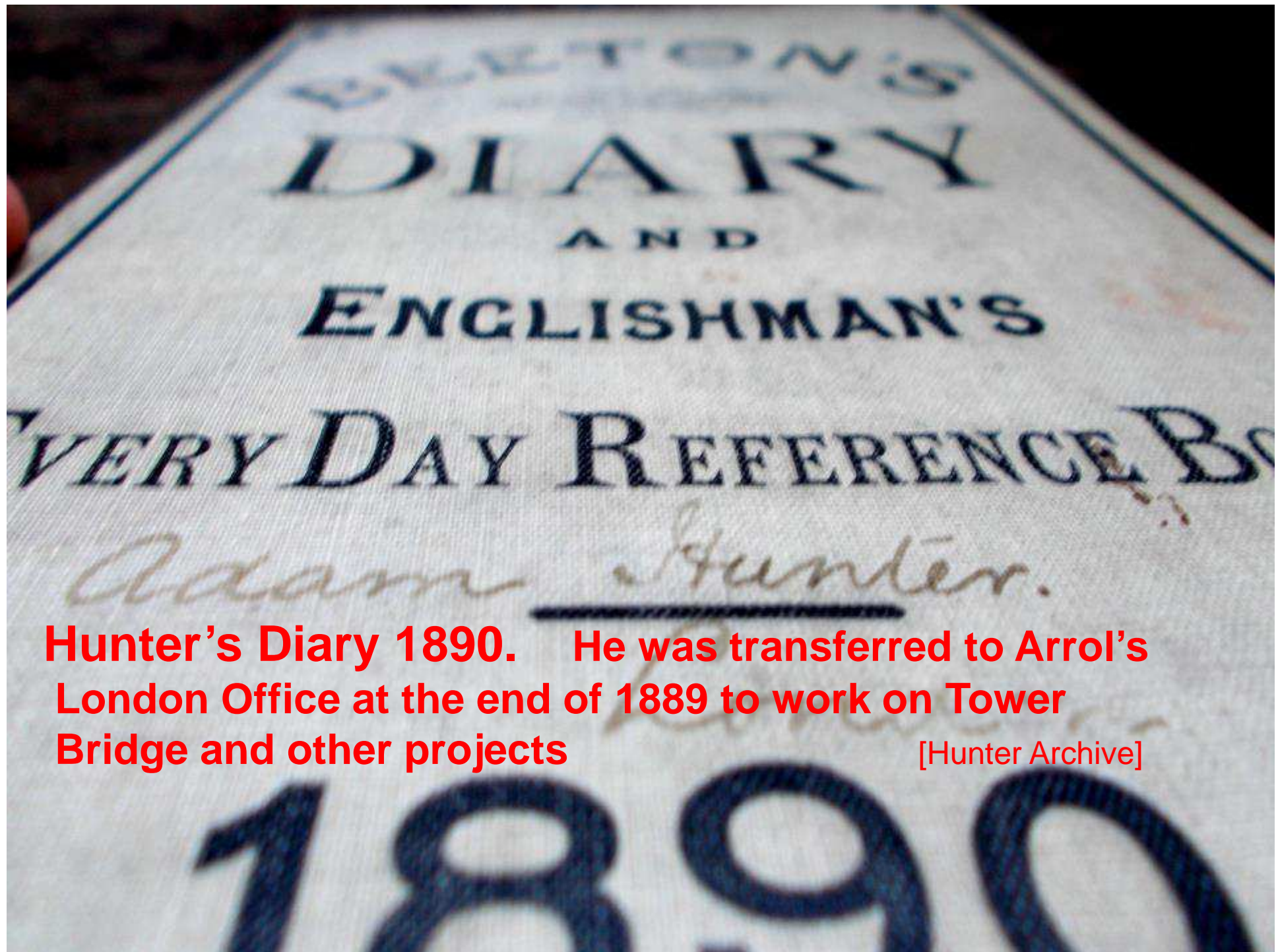
[Westhofen, 56-57]

In 1889 Hunter was working on site when **‘with a bang like a shot from a 38-ton gun’** [Westhofen 59], the last 36 bolts of the temporary ties between the north central span and the cantilever end sheared off before the temperature could be equalised for their unstressed removal. Hunter noted that **‘The huge cantilevers rocked from end to end as they had never rocked before or since, like the beam of weighing scales’**

[Hunter 1929, 43]. [Paxton *BDCE3*]



Forth Bridge Works – Hunter drawing of a swivel-crane for the Work-yard Smith's Shop in 1887, when aged 18. Within 2 decades he was designing world-class cranes [Hunter Archive]



Hunter's Diary 1890. He was transferred to Arrol's London Office at the end of 1889 to work on Tower Bridge and other projects

[Hunter Archive]

1 WEDNESDAY.

was down at St. Paul's last
night.

Dinner

Spon's Price book

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At work today for the first
time on New Year's day.

Hunter's Diary 1 January 1890. Engineering Assistant at 2 gns a week. Still working under Tuit, now the firm's Chief Engineer responsible for erecting Tower Bridge and other projects]

[Hunter Archive]

18 TUESDAY.

MARCH.

Dinner			6
Postage for Industries + Blues A. Bridge			7½
Sundries			5
Was up at Exeter Hall at Lecture by Professor Fowler on "How to rise in life"			

Hunter's diary entry for 18 March 1890 when he attended Professor Fowler's lecture on "How to rise in life". He certainly did!

[Hunter Archive]

Whitehall laid with new timber
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distance by small nails - fixed by
cement grouting. no pitch used
and on concrete bed.

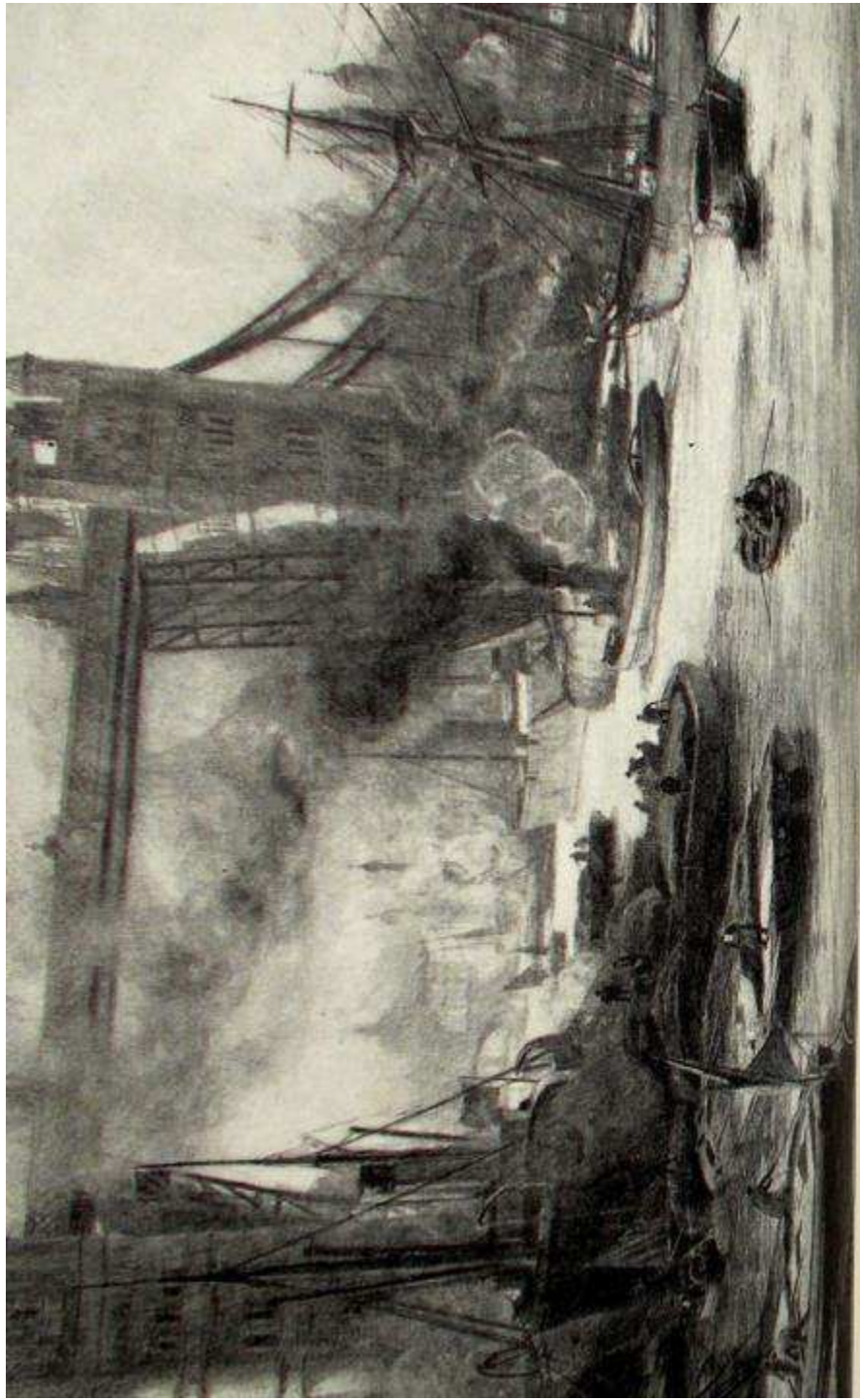
opened for traffic today

4 THURSDAY SEP

Hunter's diary entry for 3 Sept 1890 describing the laying
of timber blocks in Whitehall, London - note the concise
attention to detail!

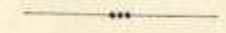
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At Crystal Palace
Lane 16



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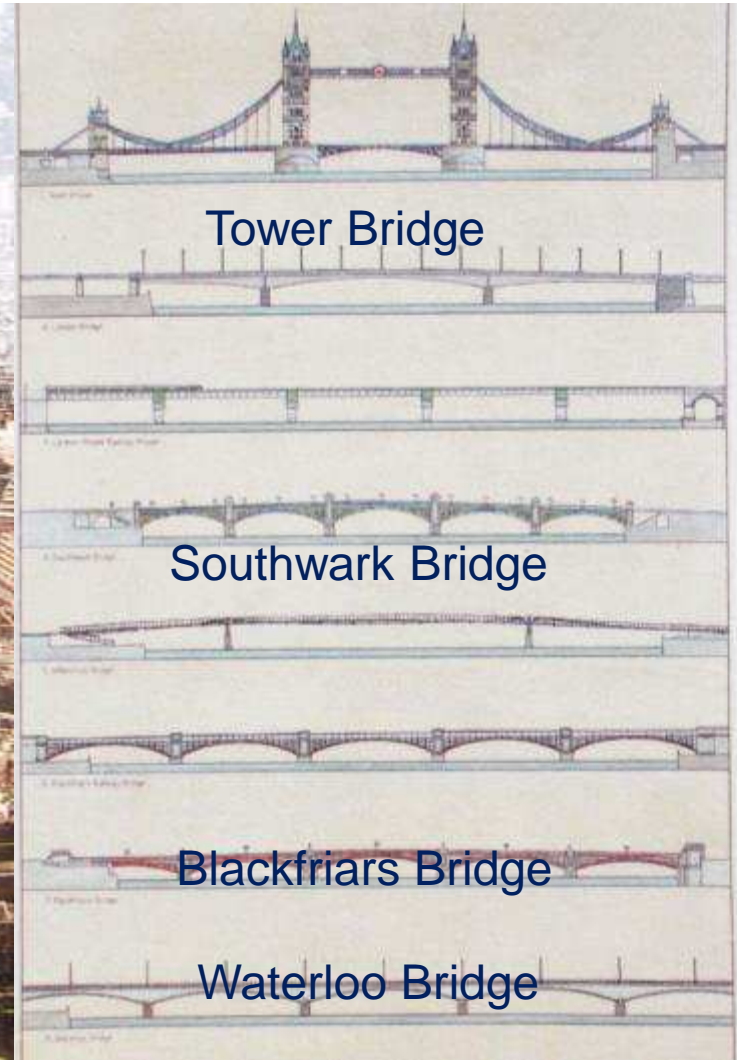
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ENGINEER TO SIR WILLIAM ARROL AND CO., THE CONTRACTORS.

**Hunter's copy of his chief's
book about the Tower Bridge
published on completion of
the Bridge in 1894 [Hunter Archive]**

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**London – Thames bridge sites at which Hunter worked.
Tower Bridge 1890-94. By 1924 he had directed the erection
of Southwark, Blackfriars and Waterloo Bridges as Chief
Engineer**

[old postcard/ICE card, *Errolgraphics* 2005]



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Tower Bridge c. 1891.

The contract for provision and erection of steelwork was let to Sir William Arrol & Co Ltd in 1889.

The bridge's stone cladding on completion belies its 11,000 tons of steel and 1,200 tons of cast iron

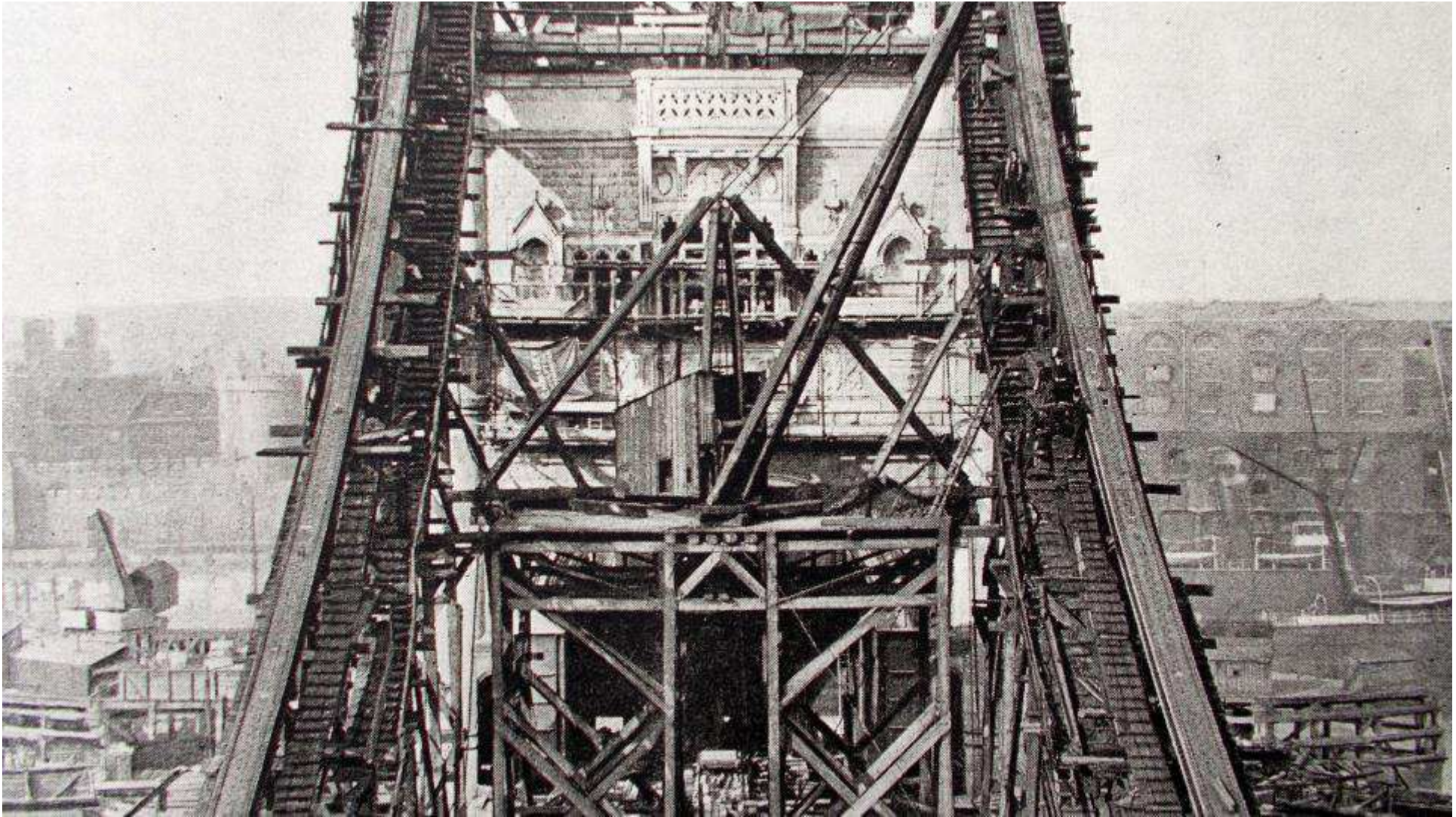
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Tower Bridge's state in October 1892 - after Hunter had worked on the project nearly 3 years

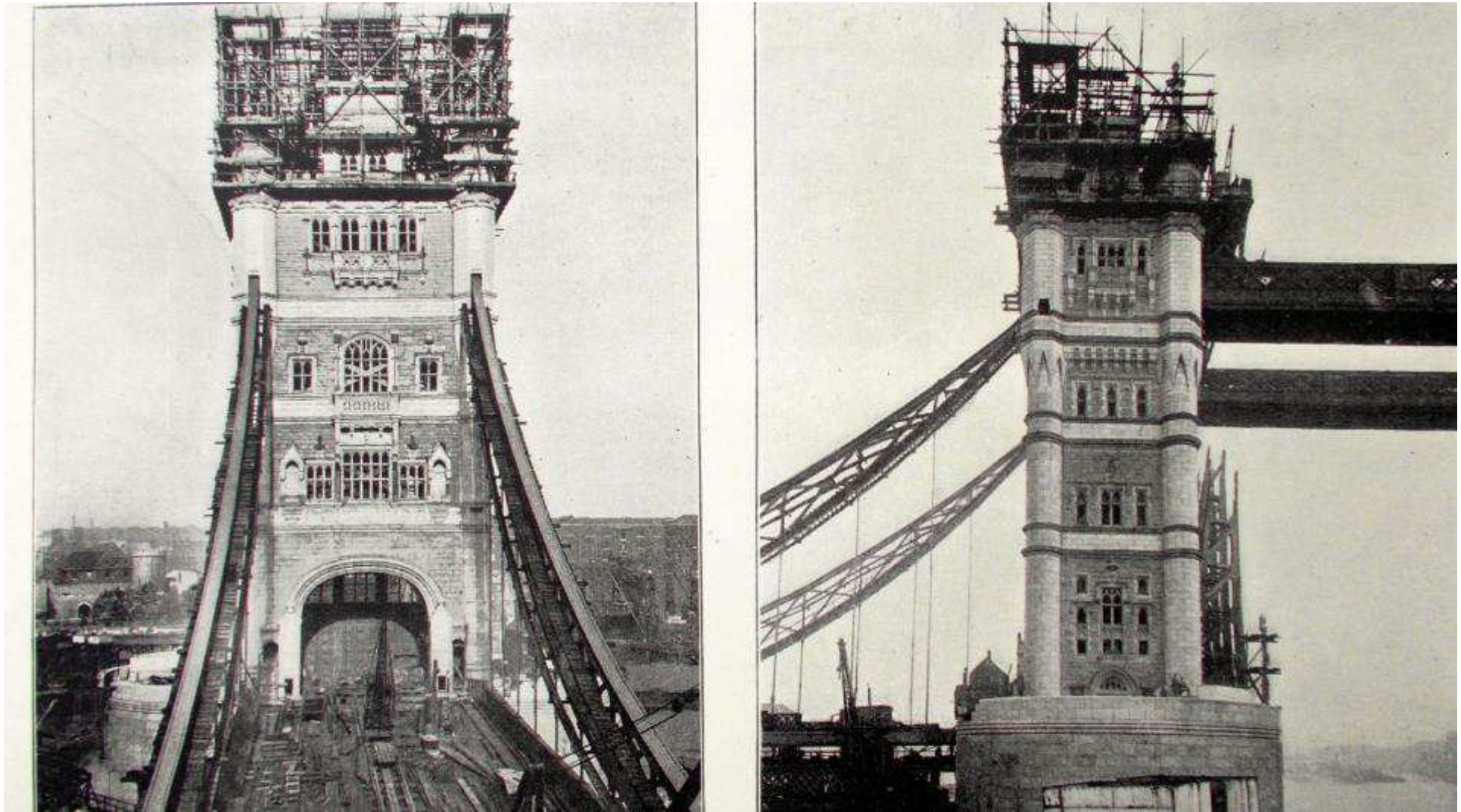
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TOWER BRIDGE WORKS OCT 18th 1892



Tower Bridge 1892 – note travelling gantry and men on staging adjoining chains – note riveting

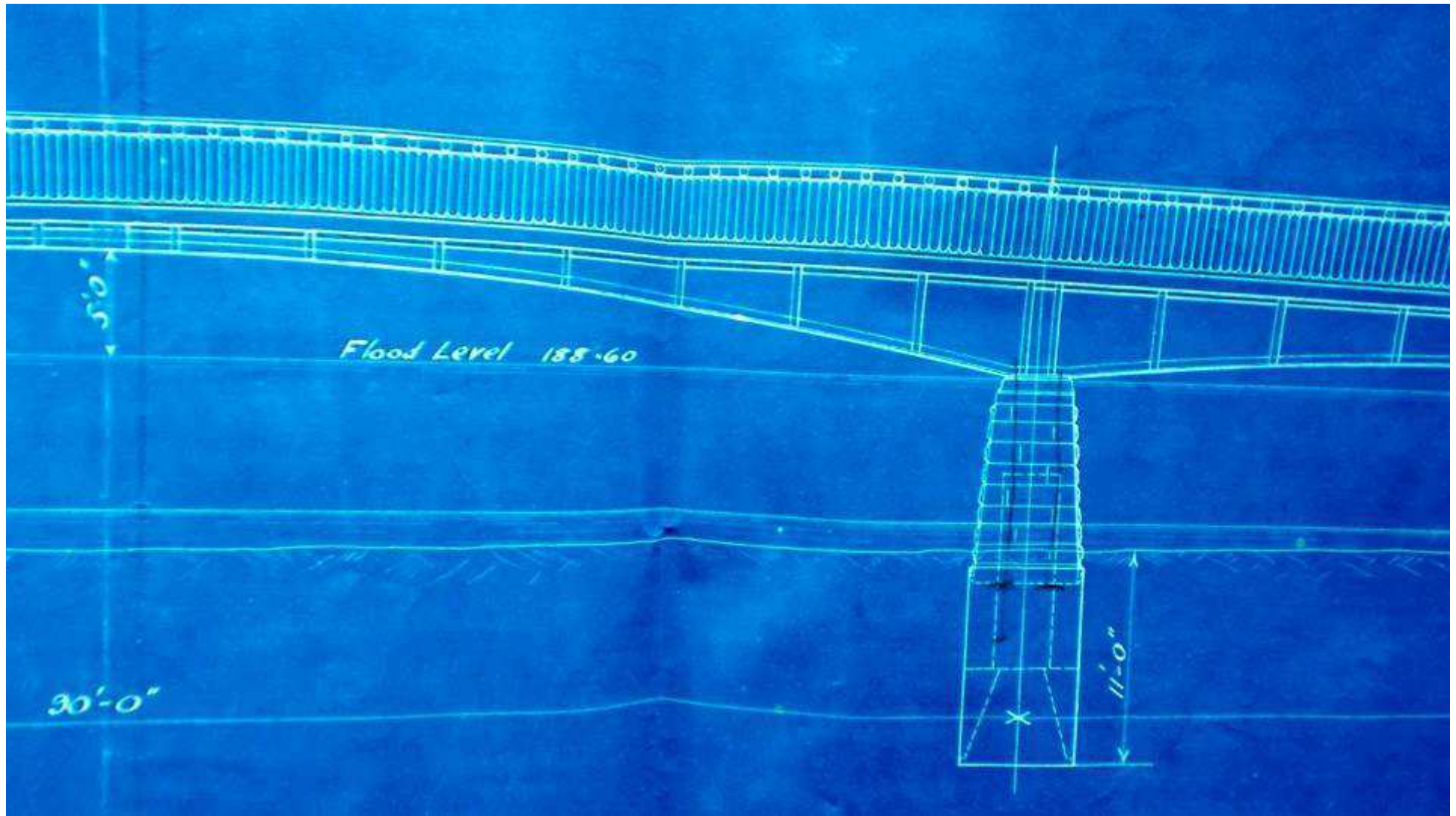
[Tuit, 65 Hunter Archive]



Tower Bridge Novr 1893 [Tuit, 93]. Hunter in 4th year of evening classes at City of London College [Prof. H. Adams] Married Lottie Patrick 1900. Arrol's drawing office moved to Glasgow in 1906. Hunter then promoted *Chief Engineer* on Tuit's death

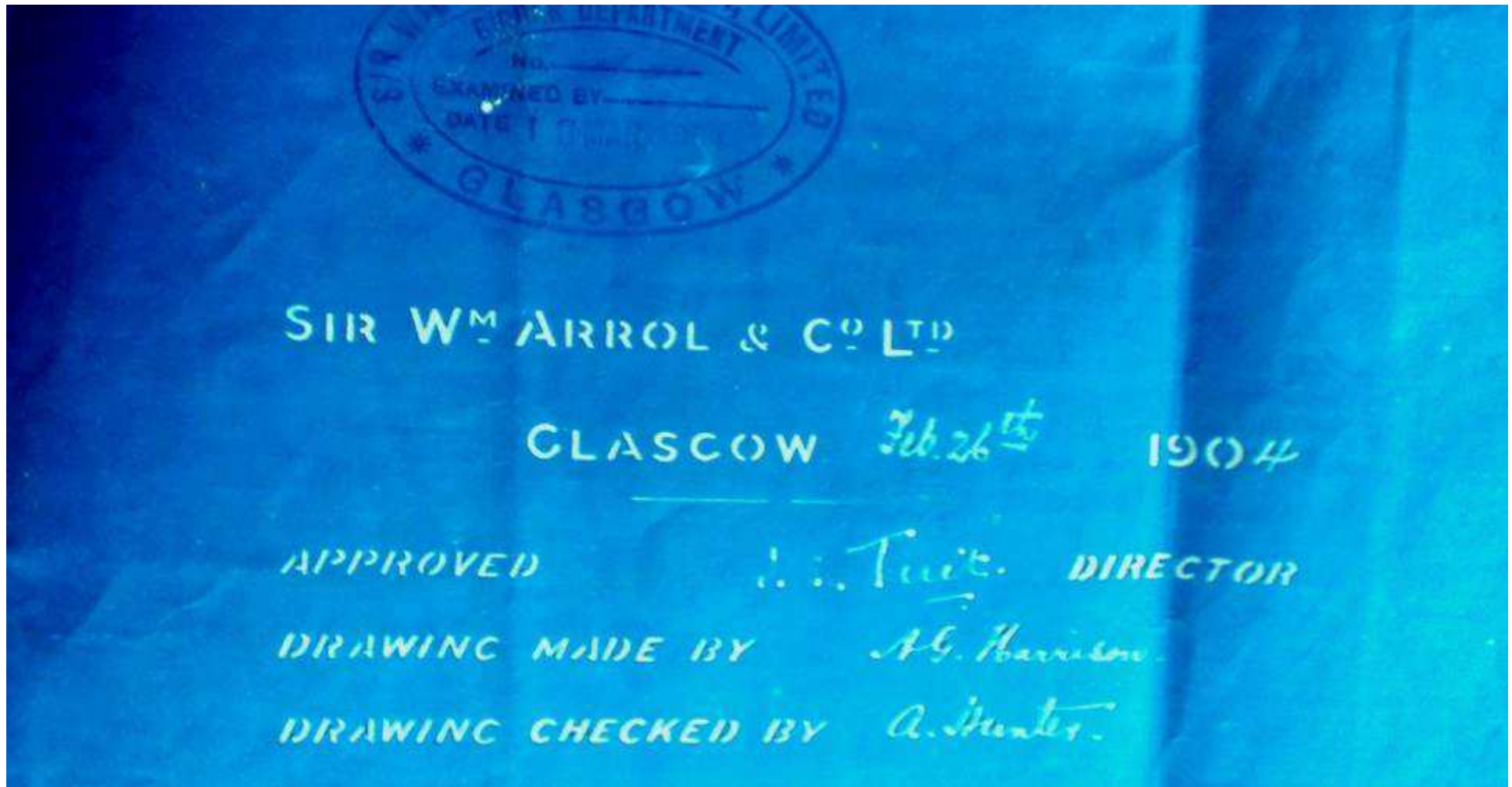
**Dalginross Bridge, Comrie, 1904. Believed the first steel
'constrained cantilever' bridge in UK. Refurbished 2000 and
awarded a Saltire Society Civil Engineering 'Commendation'
on the recommendation of PHEW [Arrol Bridges 1909, 132]**



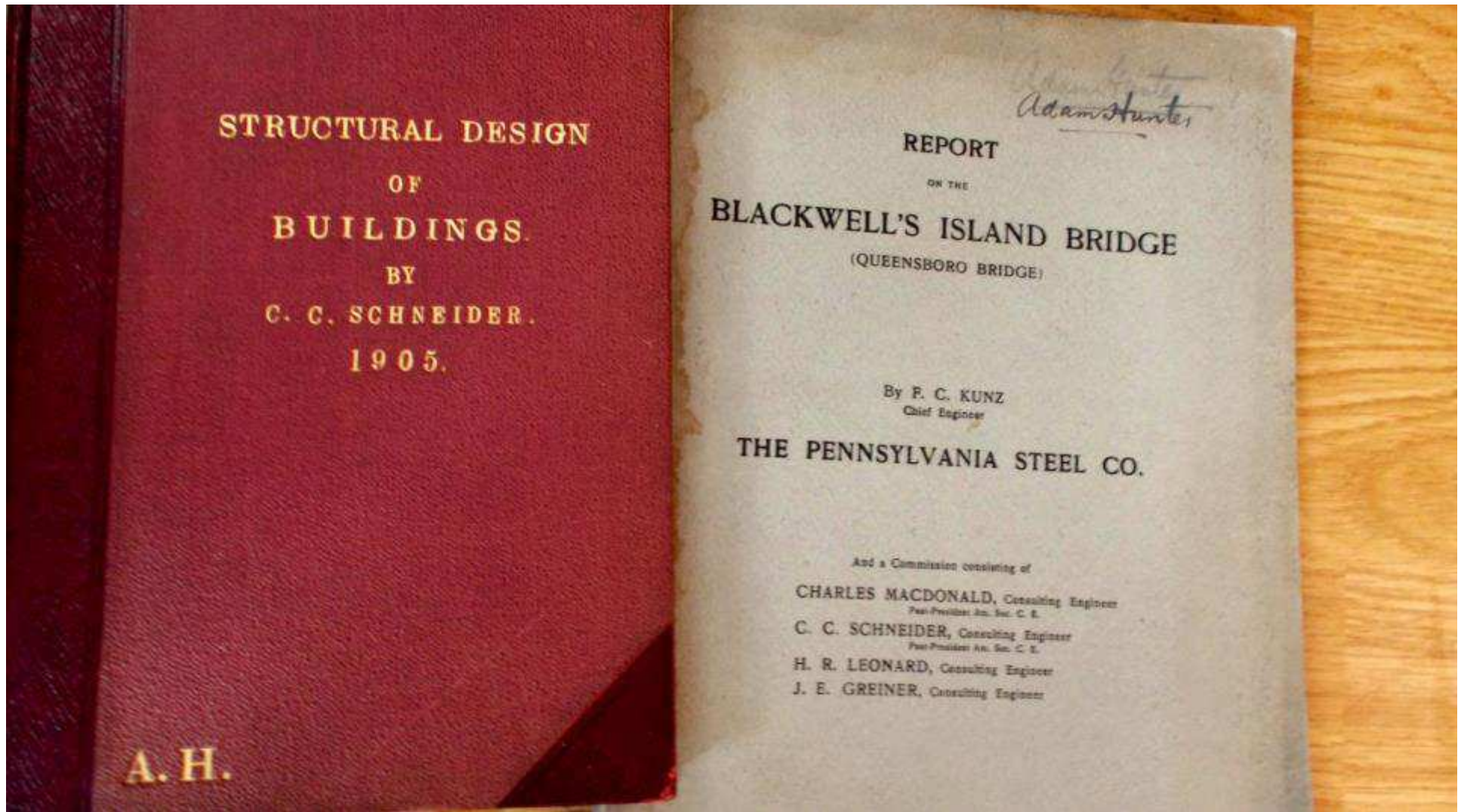


Dalginross Bridge, Comrie, 1904. R. Earn. Cantilever construction continuous over pier, with pendulum link connection at mid-span

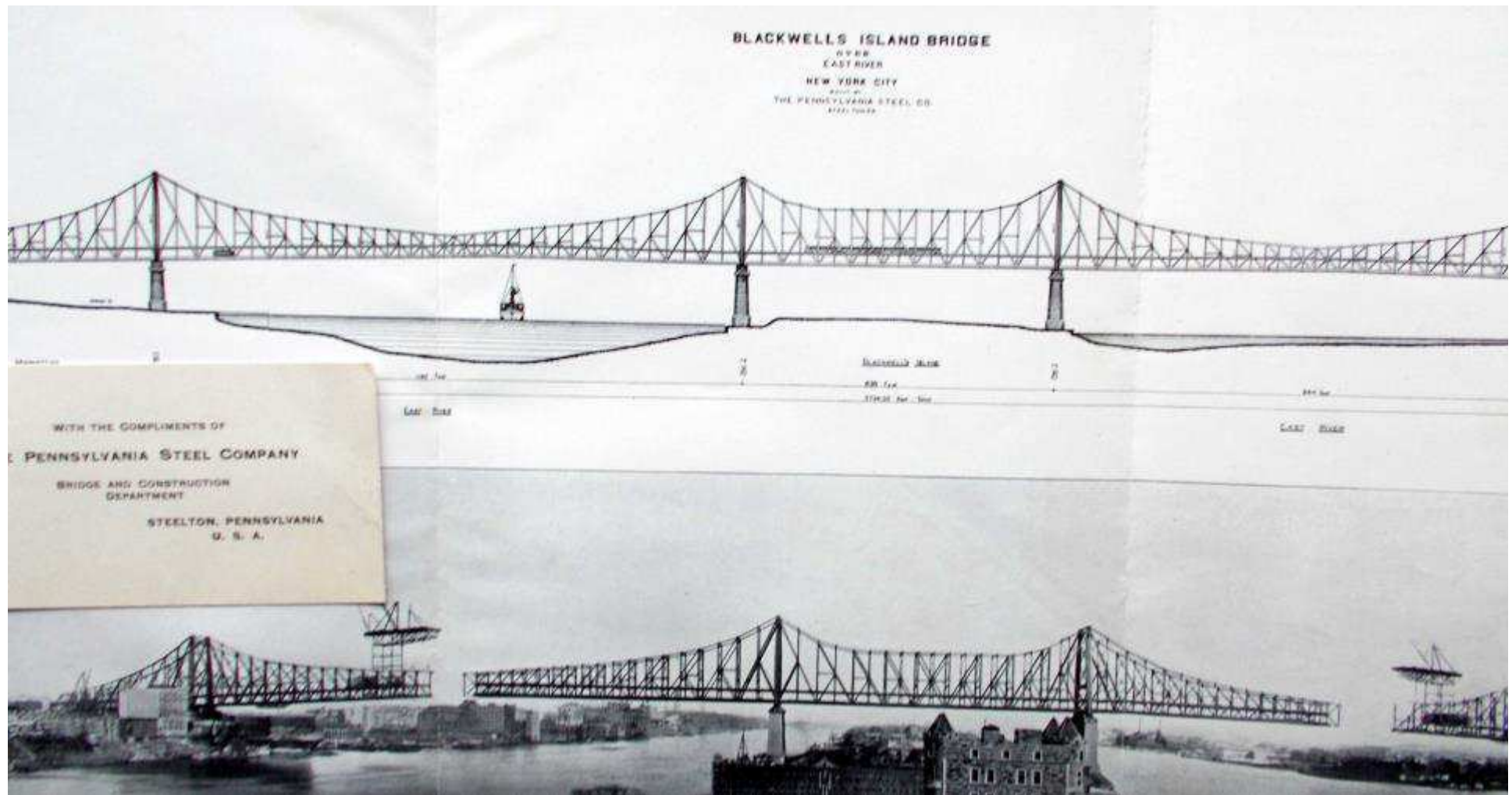
[Hunter Archive]



Dalginross Bridge, 1904. Arrol Girder Department blueprint. In 1904 Hunter was promoted *Acting Chief Engineer* after having been *Chief Assistant* from 1895. Tuit died in 1906. Note the responsibilities of the signatories [Hunter Archive]



Hunter was influenced by developments in USA. From 1906-32 he was responsible for the construction and erection of all of the work world-wide carried out by Arrol's [Hunter Archive]



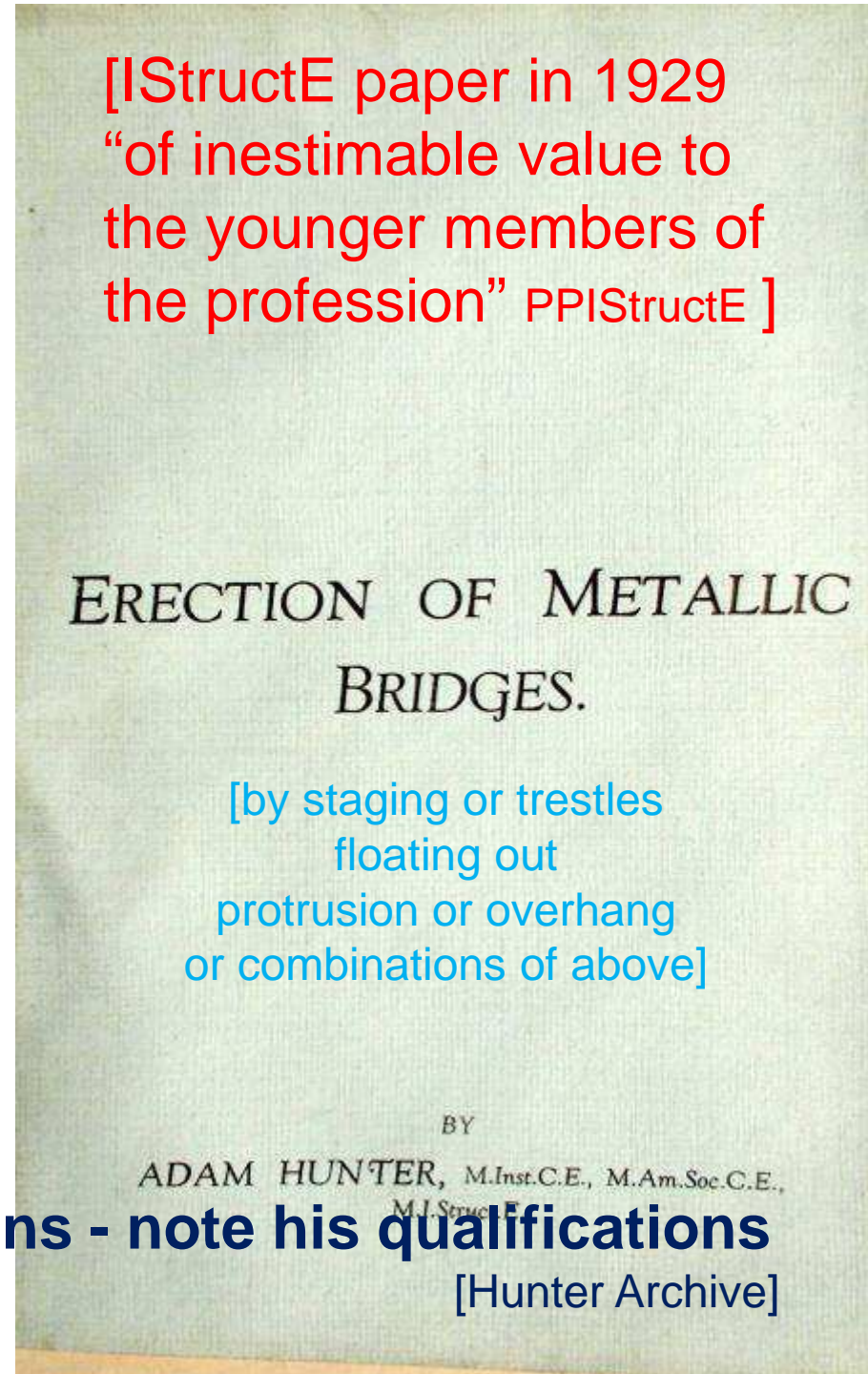
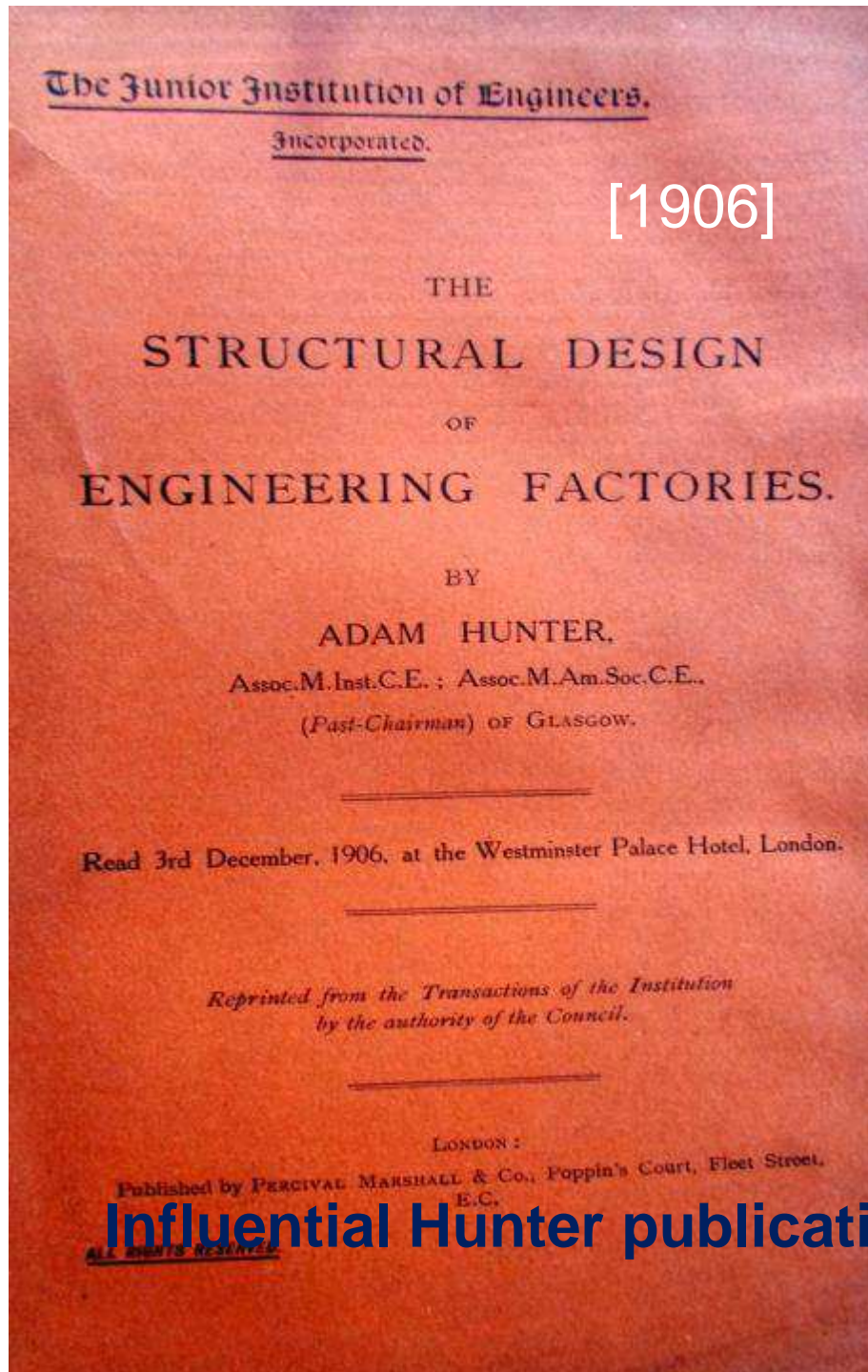
Queensboro Bridge, East River, New York 1909 - 3724 ft long overall - 1182 ft max. span. Use of nickel steel - stronger

[Hunter Archive] Hunter was aware of the value of history in informing bridge practice and noted that in 1810 Thomas 'Pope proposed to build a cantilever bridge of 1800 ft span across the East River' and he had made and tested a model [Hunter 1929, 23]



Queensboro' Bridge over East River, New York 1909

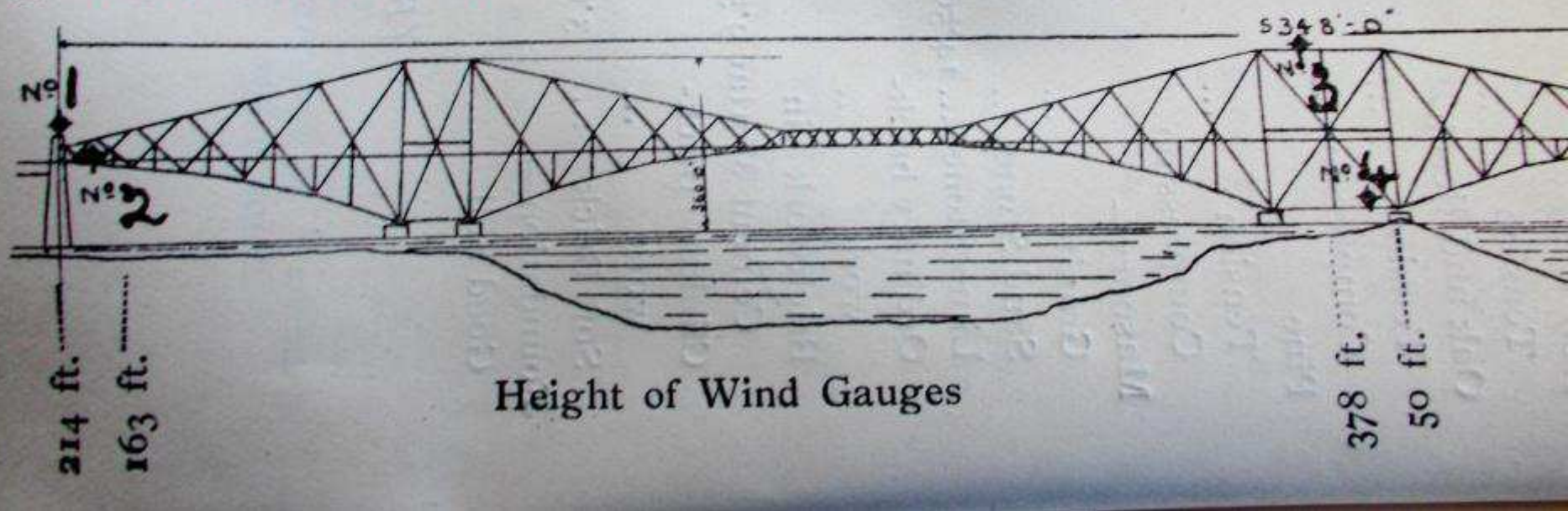
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December 29th, 1904	21	—
January 21st, 1905	...	30	32.5	60
March 18th, 1905	...	32.5	22	38
February 28th, 1905	...	20	—	59
January 26th, 1906	...	—	20	30
January 11th, 1906	...	23.5	15	55
February 8th, 1906	...	25		
Average	...	28.0	23.0	50.0

QUEENSFERRY. S.

POSITION OF WIND GAUGES



Factory design 1906. For wind pressure Hunter quotes 1905/6 values in lbs/sq ft from 1½-300 sq ft area gauges at the Forth Bridge i.e. 28-50 lbs/sq ft (gauges 1-3) [Hunter,1906 - Hunter Archive]



Arrol's Girder Fitting Shop, Dalmarnock Iron Works, Glasgow
– loading arrangements in 1906 [Hunter 1906 pl. 18 – Hunter Archive]

Coventry Ordnance Works, Scotstoun, Glasgow.

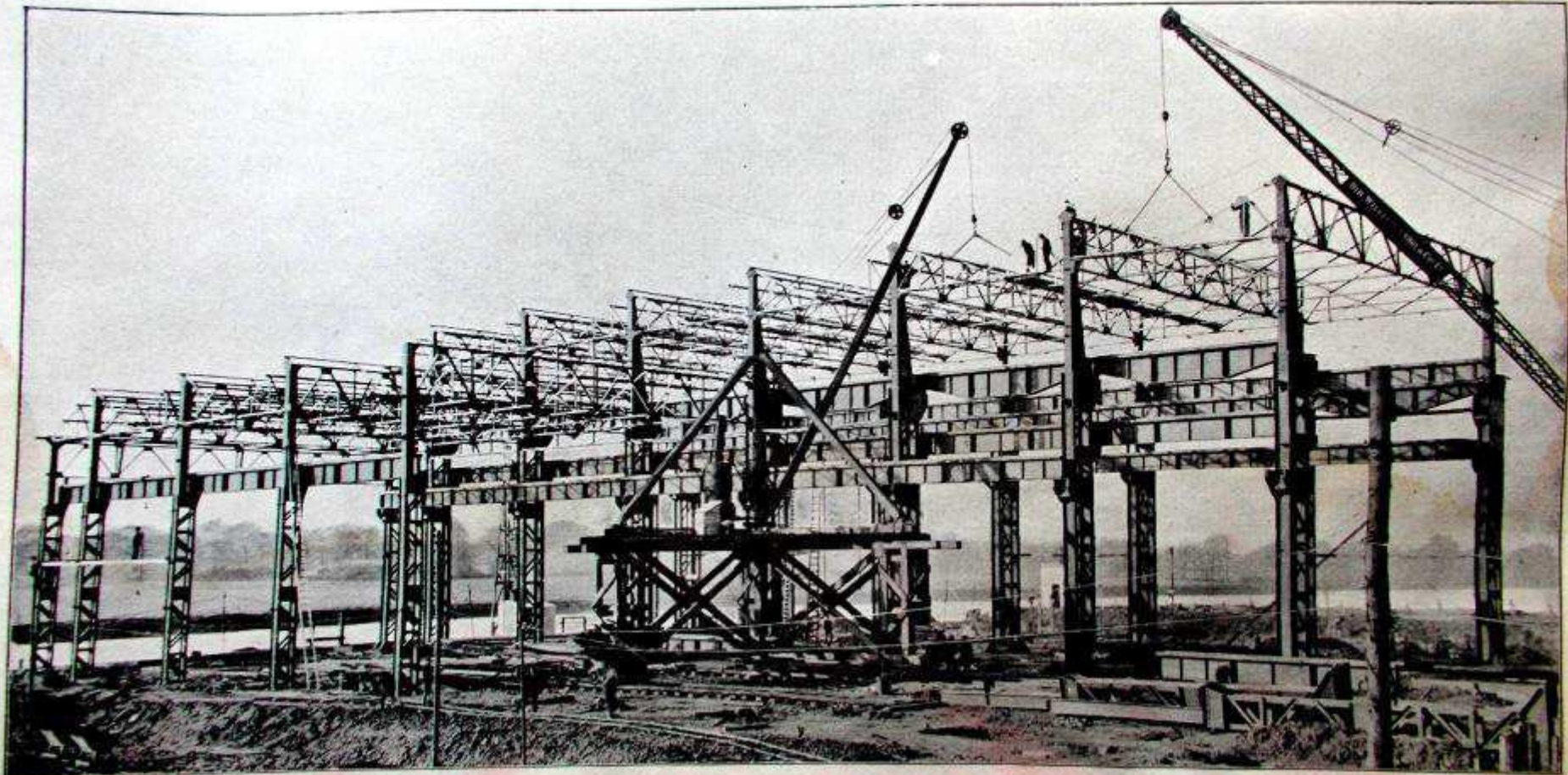
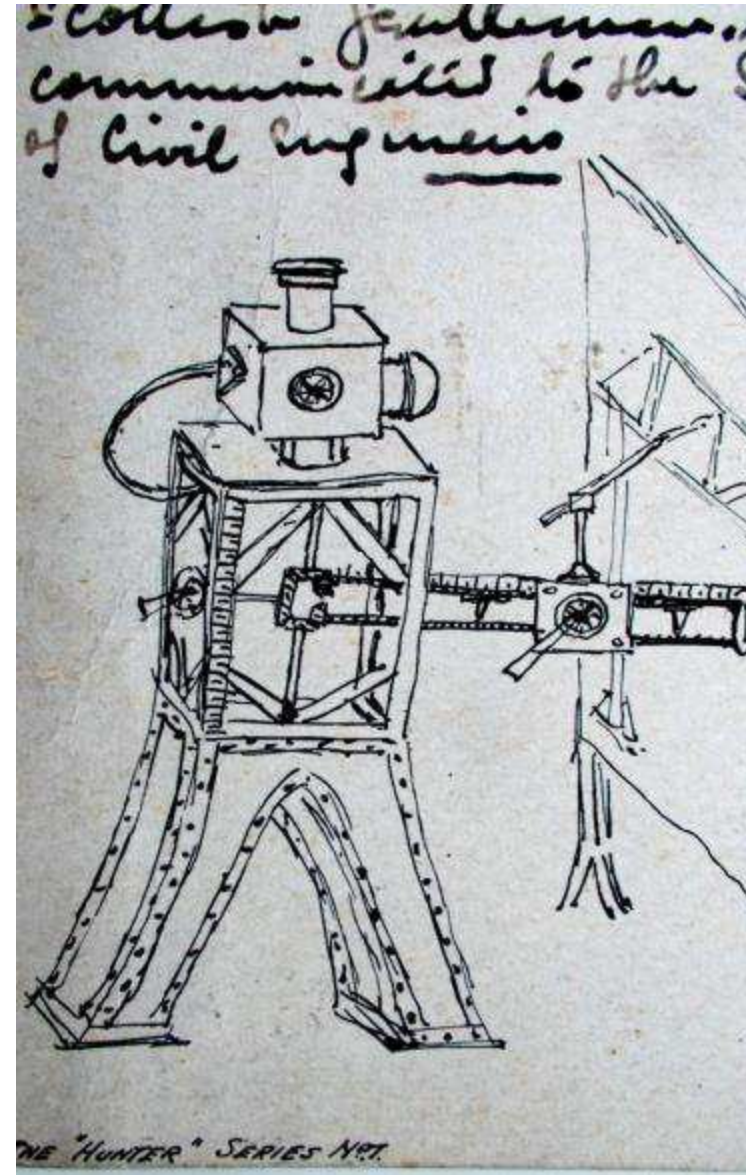


PLATE 21.

**Coventry Ordnance Works, Glasgow, 1906 - Erecting Shops
- one of many similar works erected by the firm**

[Hunter 1906 pl. 21 – Hunter Archive]



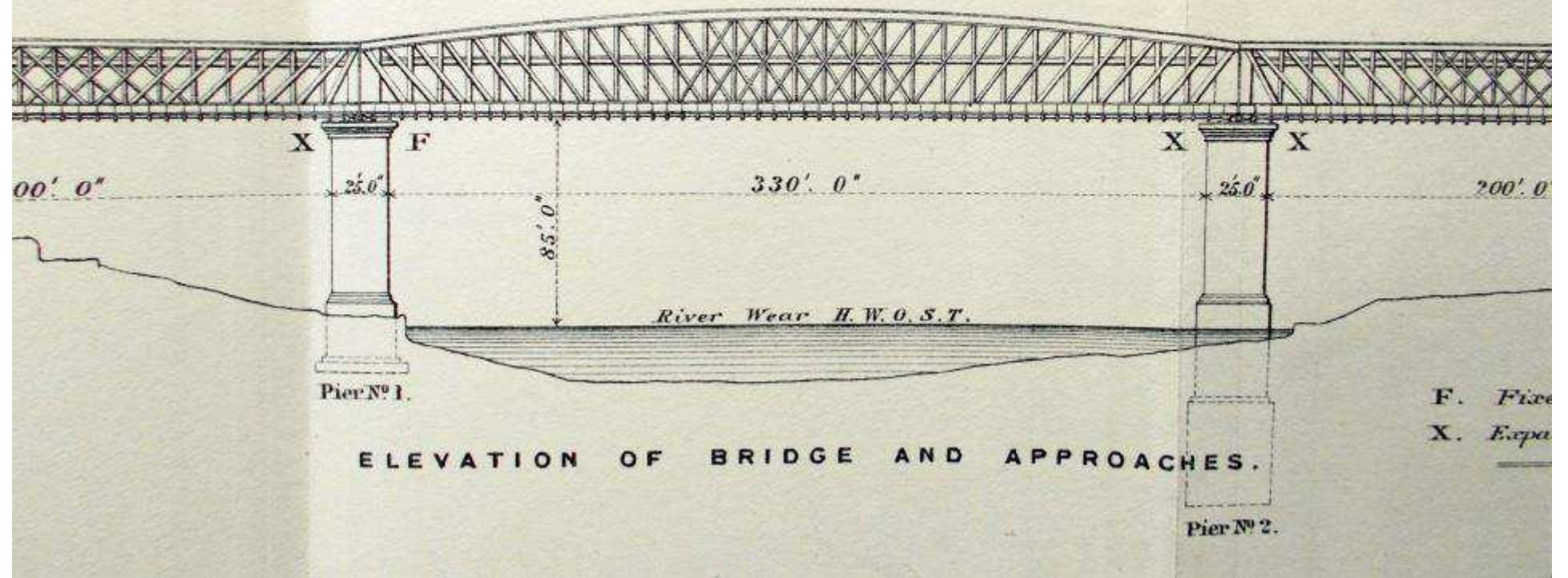
Hunter's 'automaton' self portrait communicated to ICE in 1908
[Post-card sent home to his father - Hunter Archive]

. H.	over the Nile at Cairo, 270 feet, 283 feet, and 1,755 feet in length, £200,000.
. R.	Acting Chief Engineer to the firm, from March to May, 1904, and designed 19
>	the foundations and structure for a 150-ton electric derrick crane at Clydebank, £18,000; a road bridge at Comrie, £4,500; and railway bridges on the Suakim-Berber Railway, Egypt, £30,000.
	Acting Chief Engineer to the firm, from July to November, 1905, and 190 responsible for the design of workshop buildings at Polmadie, £24,000, and at Tranmere Bay, £35,000 > and for a 150-ton hammer-head electric crane at Clydebank, £25,000.
. H.	In Egypt, from November, 1905, to March, 1906, as Technical Adviser to 190

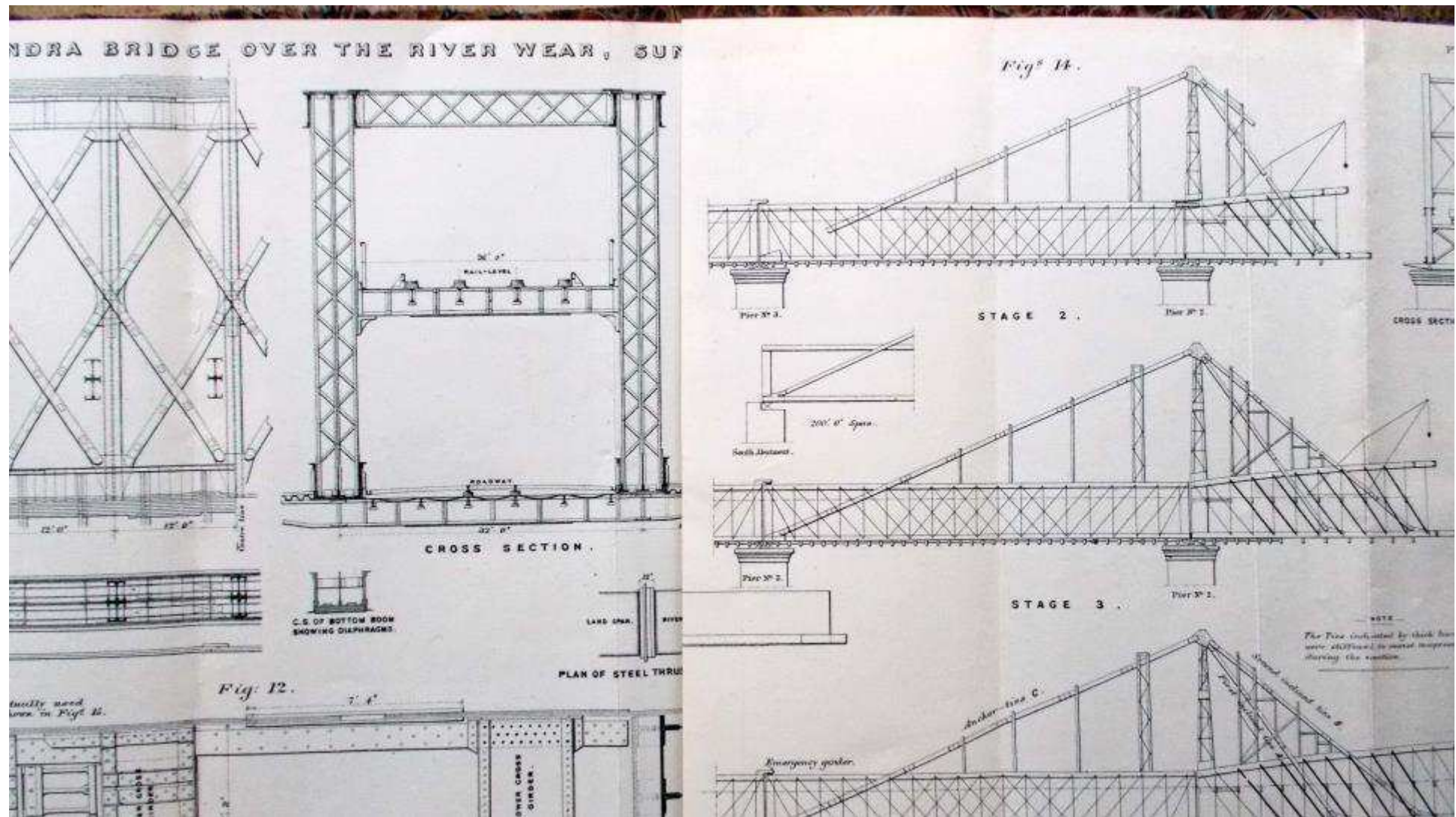
Hunter elected AMICE 1895 [proprs Prof H. Adams - admitted by Sir B. Baker]. Extract of his successful transfer application to MICE in April 1909 with his Comrie and Clydebank entries refereed by H. Roberts [M]. For the Clydebank electric derrick crane of 1904 he **designed the foundations and structure**. In 1905 for the Clydebank Titan crane he had **design responsibility**. ASCE (AM 1905, M 1911) IESIS (1906) IStructE, M 1925

QUEEN ALEXANDRA BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER WEAR, SUNDERLAND

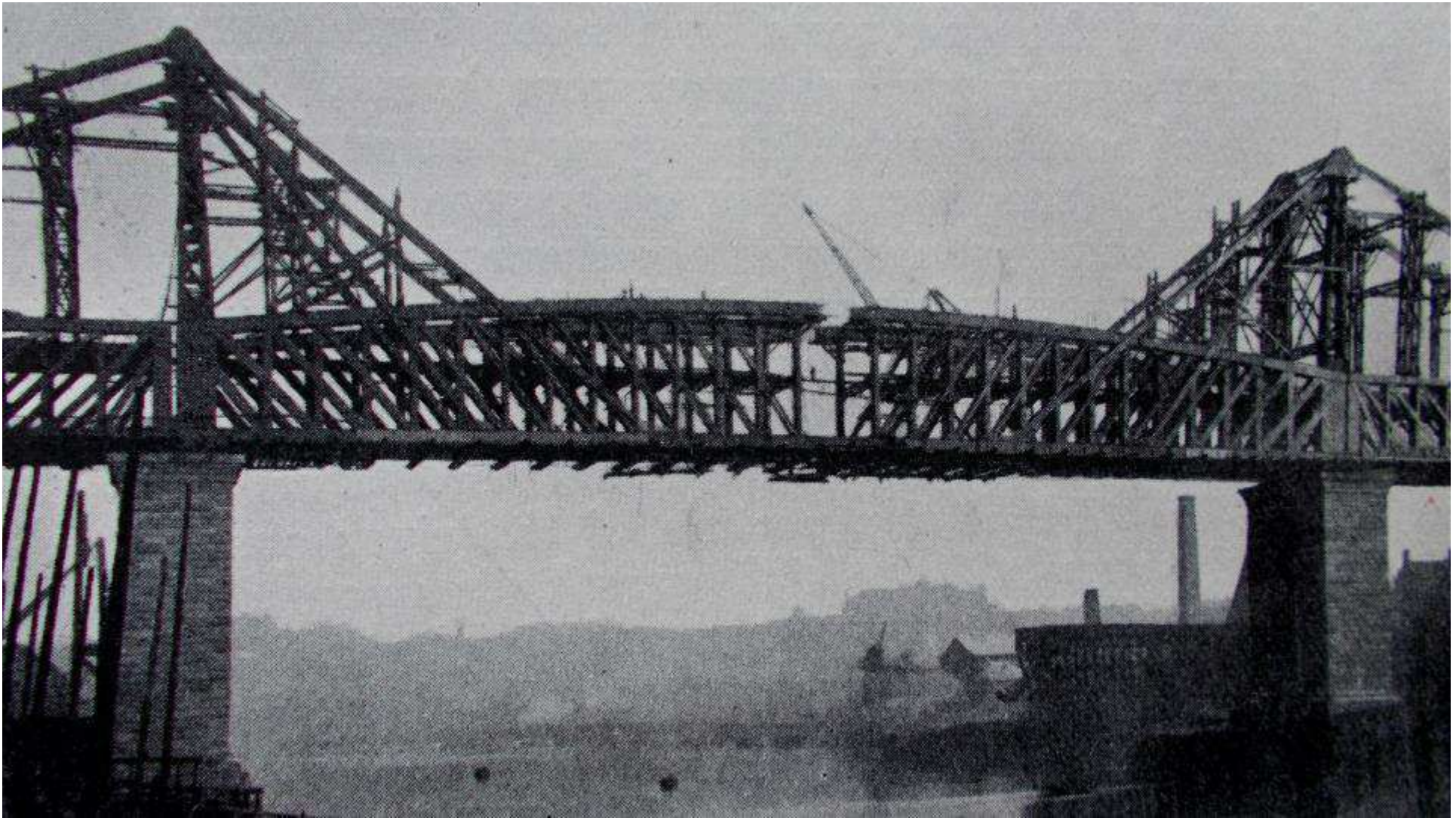
Fig. 3.



Hunter had a key role in the erection of Queen Alexandra Bridge, Sunderland, 1909 – 1560 ft in length with road and railway decks - 330 ft max. span [MPICE (1910) 182]

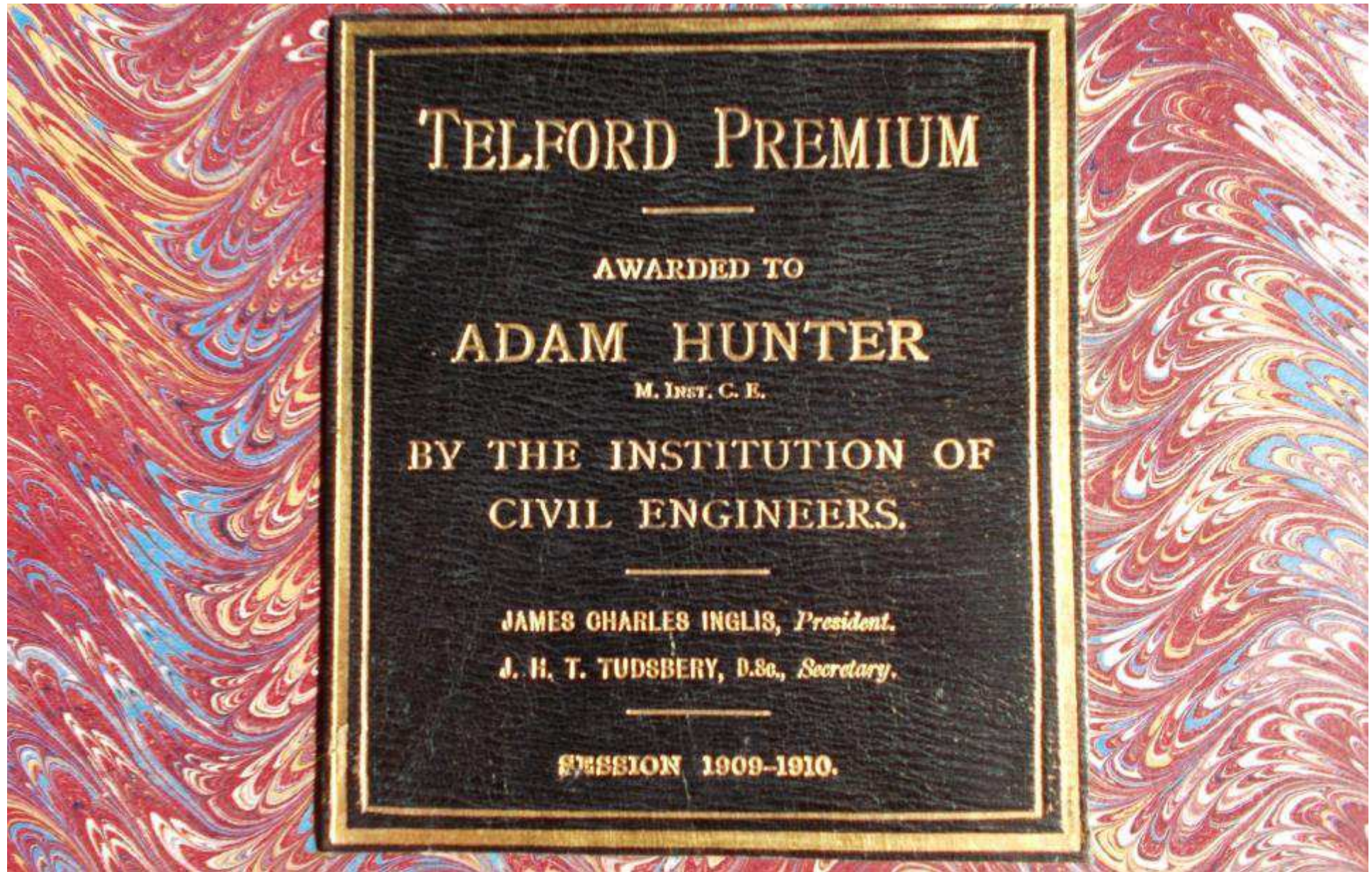


Hunter's joint ICE paper on this Sunderland Bridge attracted the Institution's **TELFORD PREMIUM** award – he prepared and supervised its ingenious erection scheme [MPICE (1910) 182]

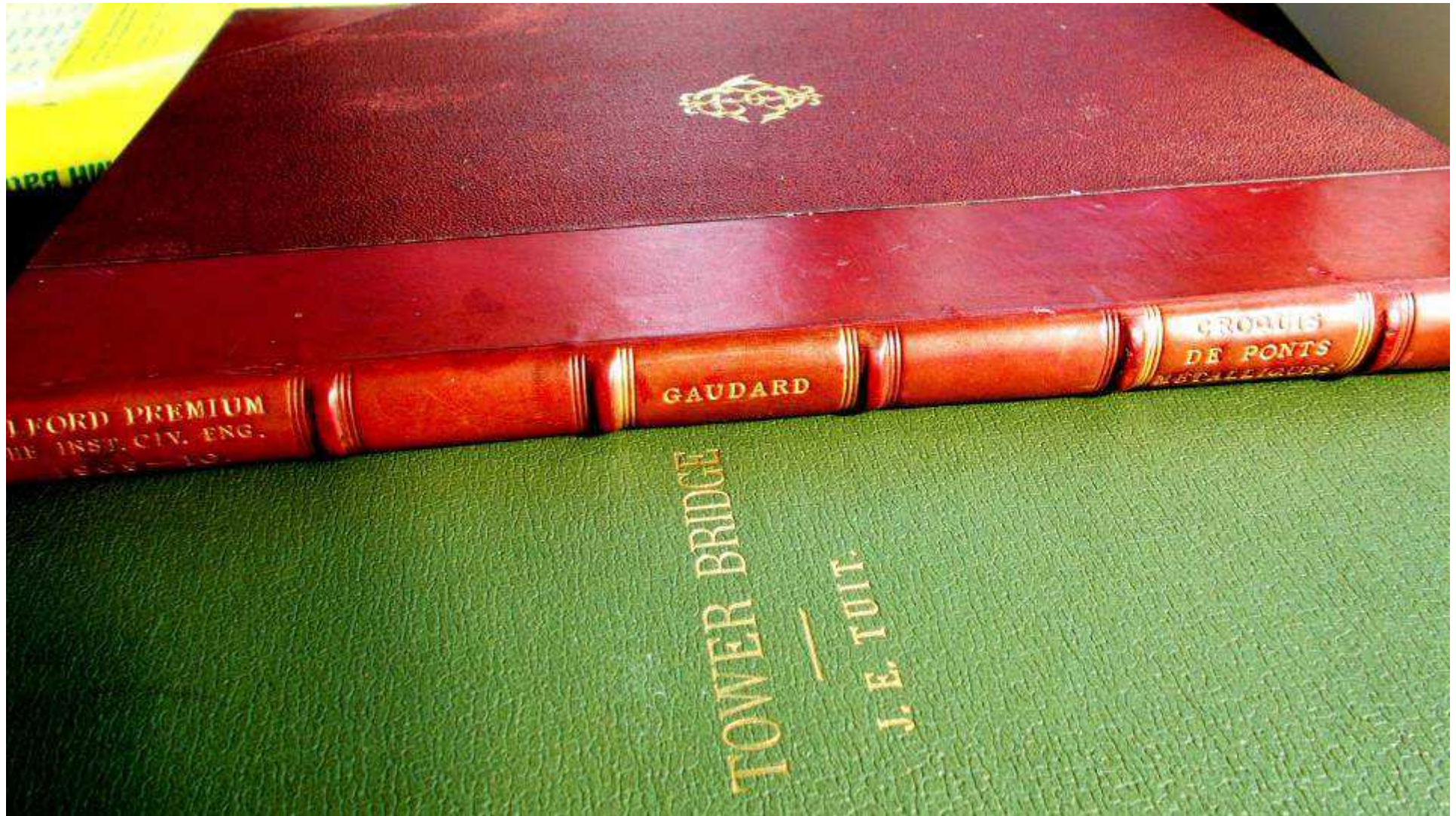


**Queen Alexandra Bridge, Sunderland 1909 –
erection of 330 ft span nearing completion**

[Hunter 1929, 19. Hunter Archive]



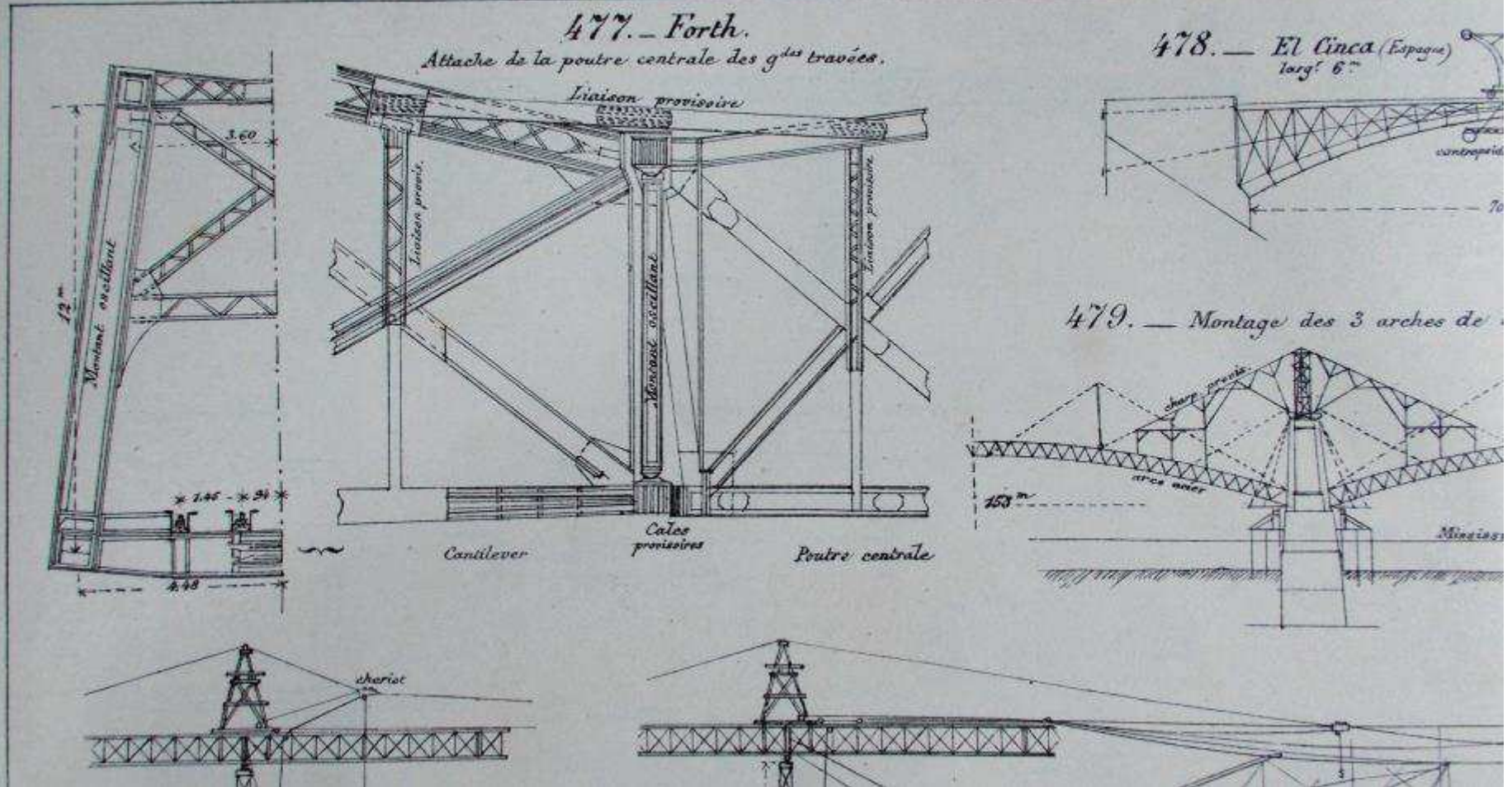
Book- label from part of Hunter's *Telford Premium* award from the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1910 [Hunter Archive]



Part of Hunter's Telford premium Award - Gaudard's *Croquis de Ponts Metalliques* – a good choice for a steel bridge enthusiast [with his copy of Tuit's *Tower Bridge*]

[Hunter Archive]

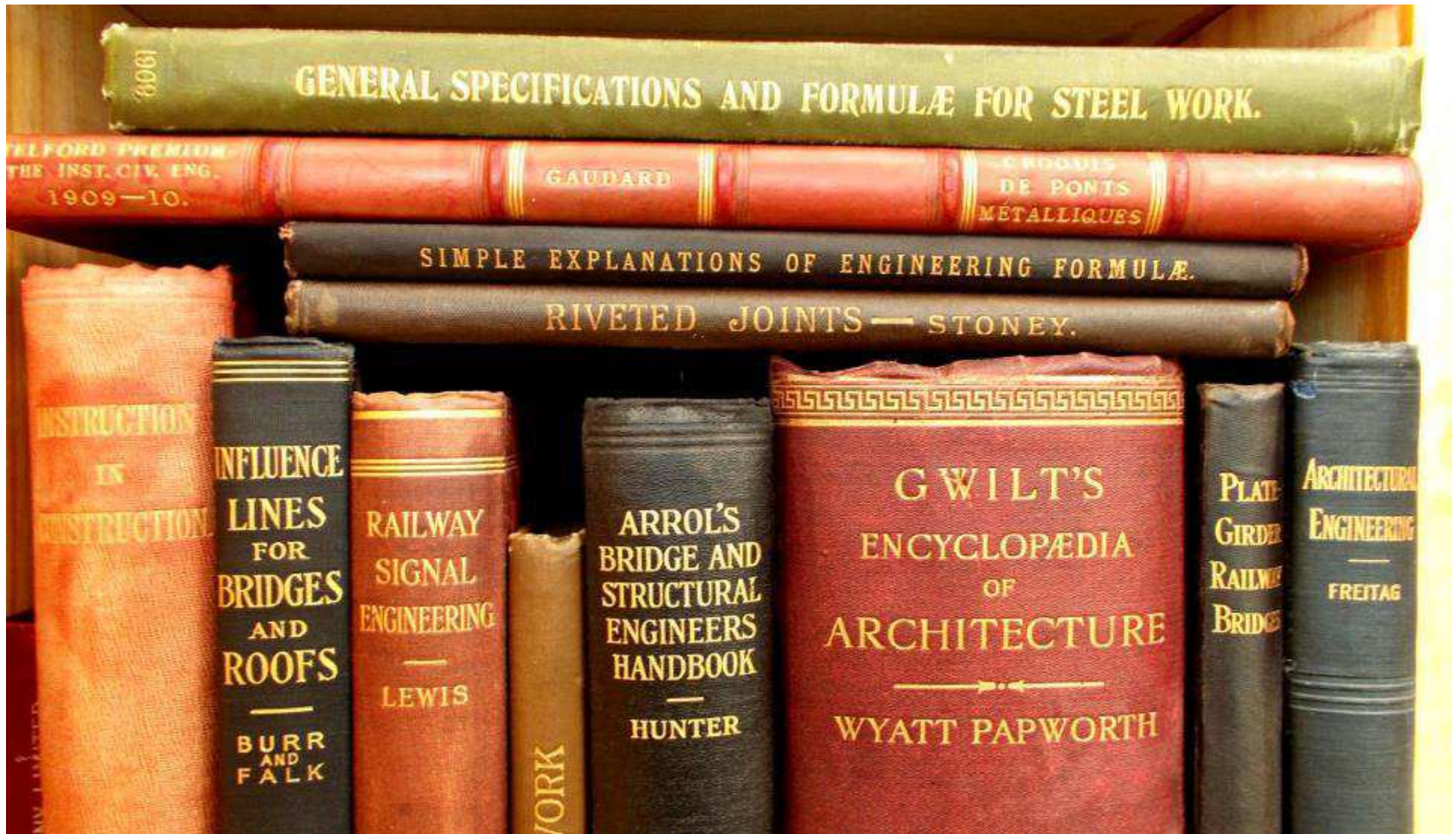
LEVAGE, G^DES ARCHES.



Goudard's 477th illustration of a metallic bridge which is readily recognisable! [Hunter Archive]



**An Arrol drawing office at Dalmarnock Iron Works, Glasgow
in 1909 – part of Hunter’s team at work!** [Arrol *Bridges* 1909, 35]



A selection of Hunter's surviving books [mainly pre-1910] including Prof Adams' 'Strains in Ironwork' here alongside his own '*ARROL'S HANDBOOK*' masterpiece! [Hunter Archive]

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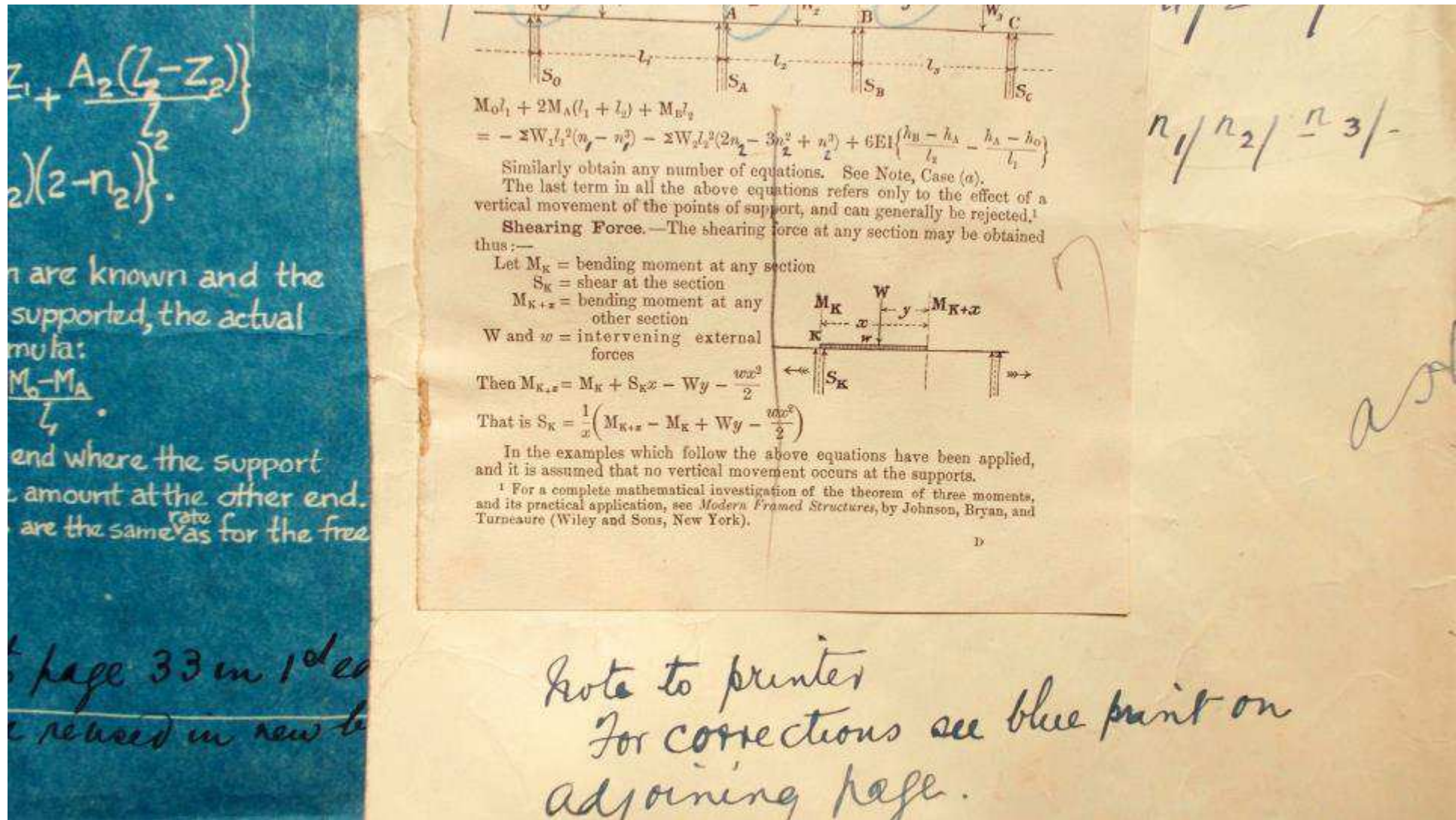
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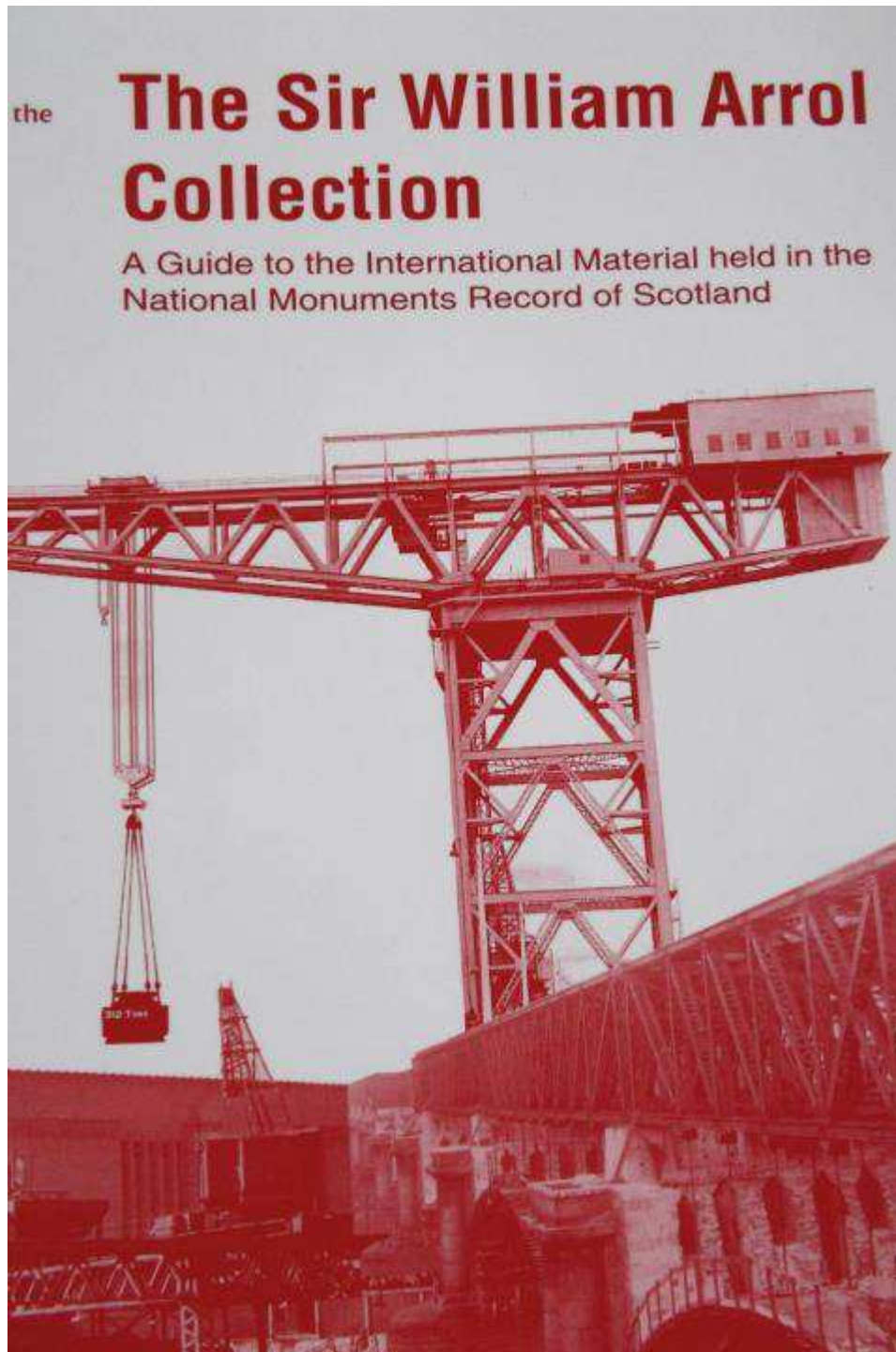
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Hunter's most influential publication. Holograph corrected draft of 2nd ed. of his 1928 *Handbook* which was a standard text book for the next 50 years. Dr Jim Shipway [Consultant & Arrol employee 1948-53] wrote of this book in 2004 as "packed with useful information. I used a copy for most of my working life and had to have it rebound from long use"

[Hunter Archive/2004 *Memoir*]



Typical page from draft of Hunter's *Manual*, 1928 [Hunter Archive]
By then he had 'a vast store of engineering knowledge which was always fully at his command' [Prof. Moncur, *TASCE* (1933) 99, 1474]



Dalmarnock Works closed in 1987. A large amount of material mainly photographs was salvaged by and donated to RCAHMS who published inventories of it in 1998 and 2000.

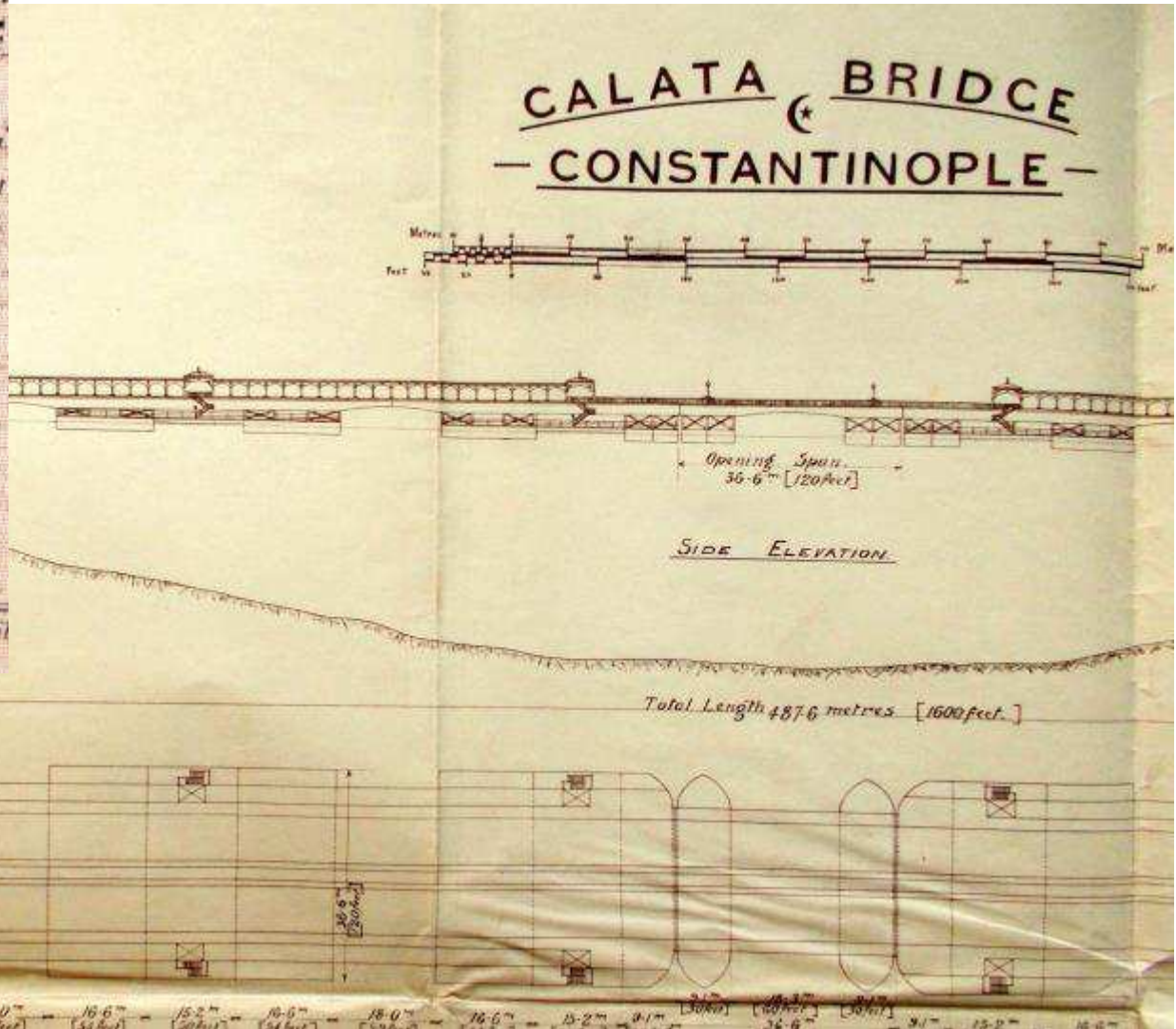
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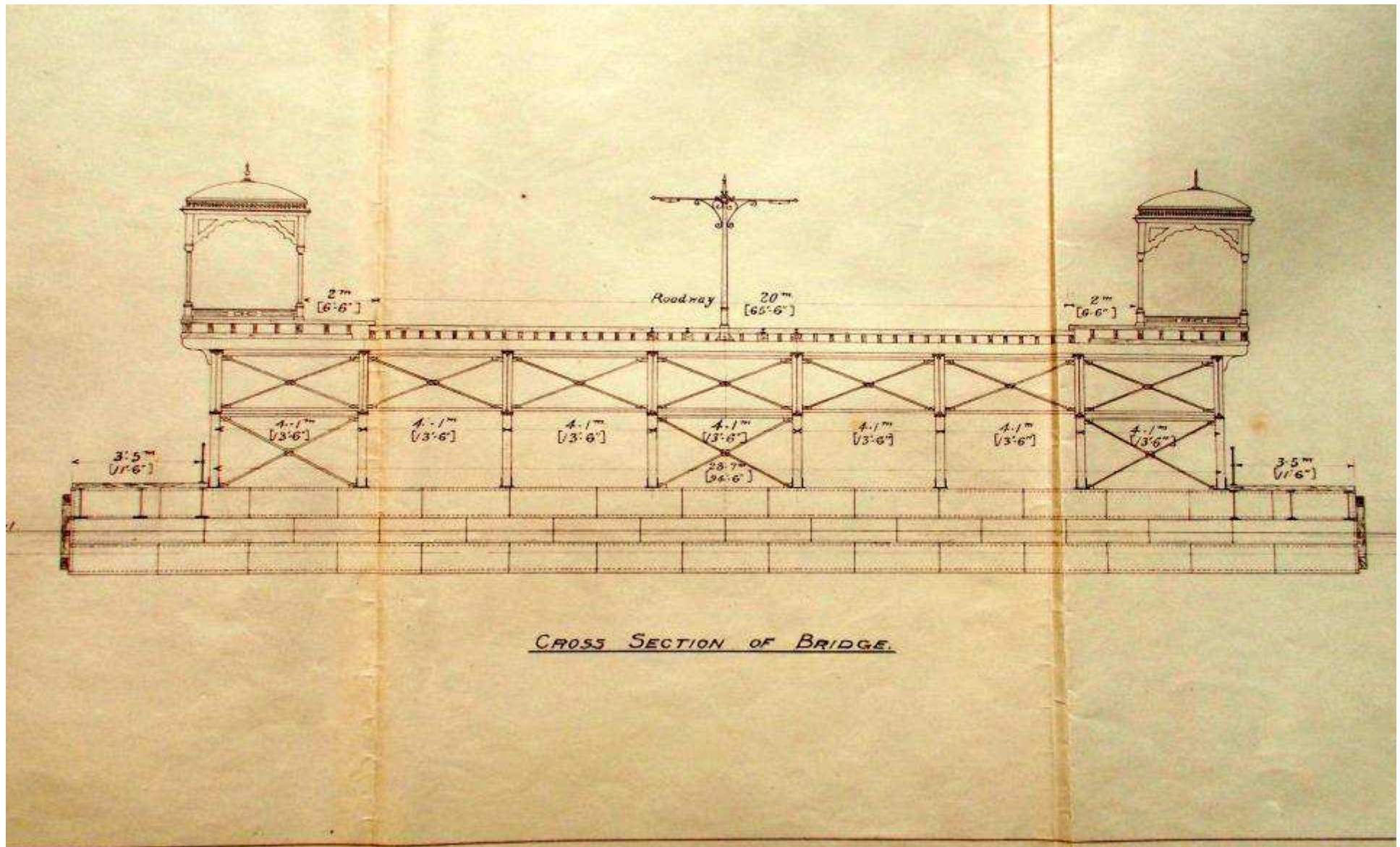


Barrow Bridge (Rail), Republic of Ireland 1905
– 2139 ft long (swivel span 214 ft) designed by
Sir B. Baker – still in service [RCAHMS 2000 pl. 37]



Arrol proposal of 1909 for a 1600 ft long floating steel bridge at Galata Istanbul - unexecuted [Hunter Archive]





Galata Bridge proposal Istanbul 1909 – cross-section showing 9 ft deep steel pontoons [Hunter Archive]

HOOGHLY BRIDGE.

A postcard of Arrol's span of Hooghly Bridge sent to Hunter from Calcutta in 1909 by "Willie" (his brother or a colleague?) congratulating him on "his wonderful Sunderland job." [Hunter Archive]



**Blackfriars Bridge 1869, T. Cubitt Engineer – 5 arches,
max. 185 ft. Widened 1907-10 from 75 ft - 105 ft west
under Hunter's overall direction** [www]





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Blackfriars Bridge Widening 1907-10

[RCAHMS 2000, pl.33]



Middlesbrough Transporter Bridge erected by Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Ltd & Arrol's 1910-11 [old postcards]

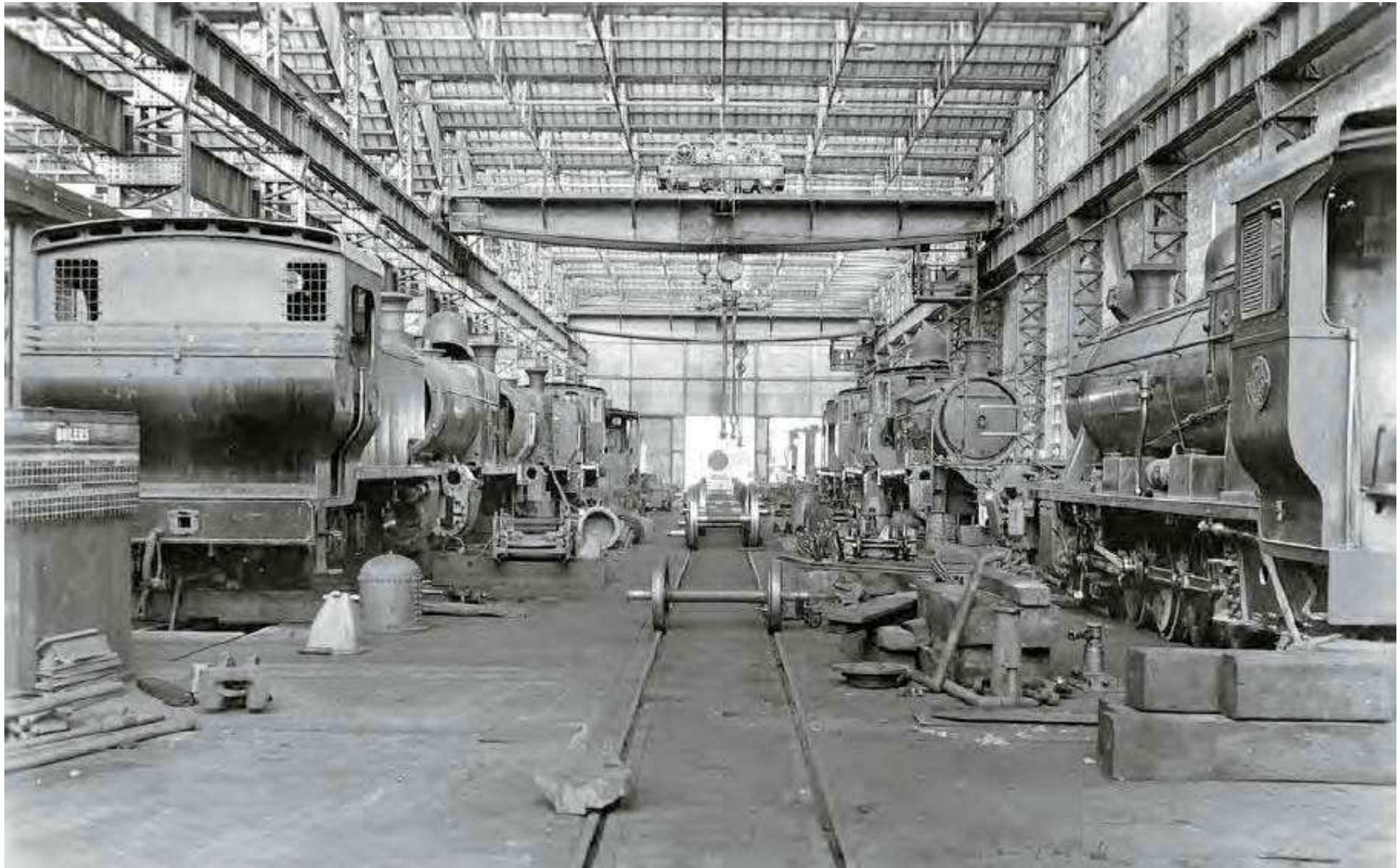


Albert Docks Swing Bridge – Dalmarnock Iron Works 1919
Many other swing bridges erected [RCAHMS 2000, pl. 85]



Southwark Bridge - Steelwork fabricated and erected under Hunter's general direction

[www & RCAHMS *Guide* 2000, pl. 34]



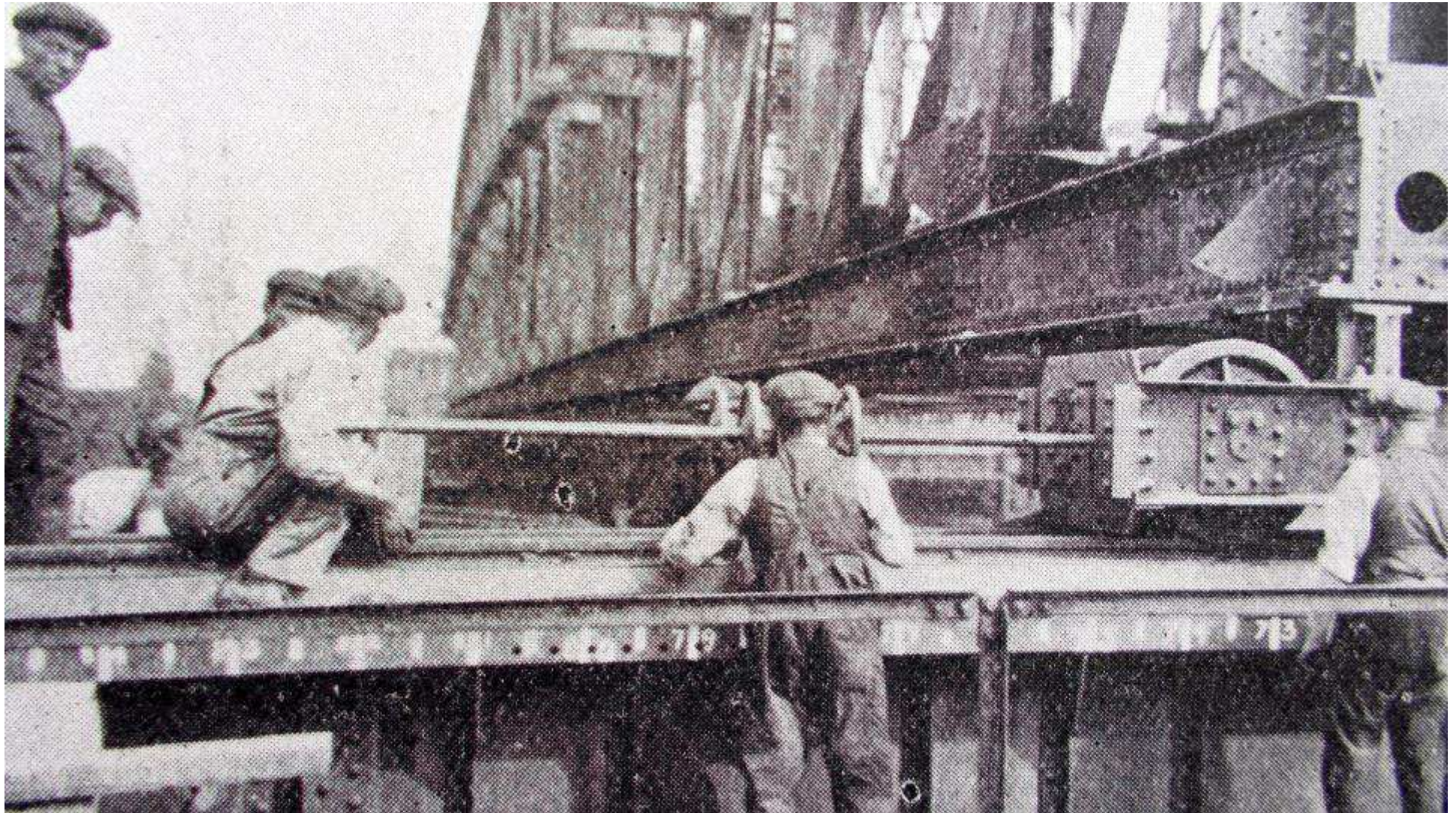
Enugu Railway Workshops Nigeria, 1922 [RCAHMS *Guide* 2000, pl. 67]

More extensive such workshops at Hutt Valley, New Zealand 1928

[RCAHMS *Guide* 2000, pl. 65]

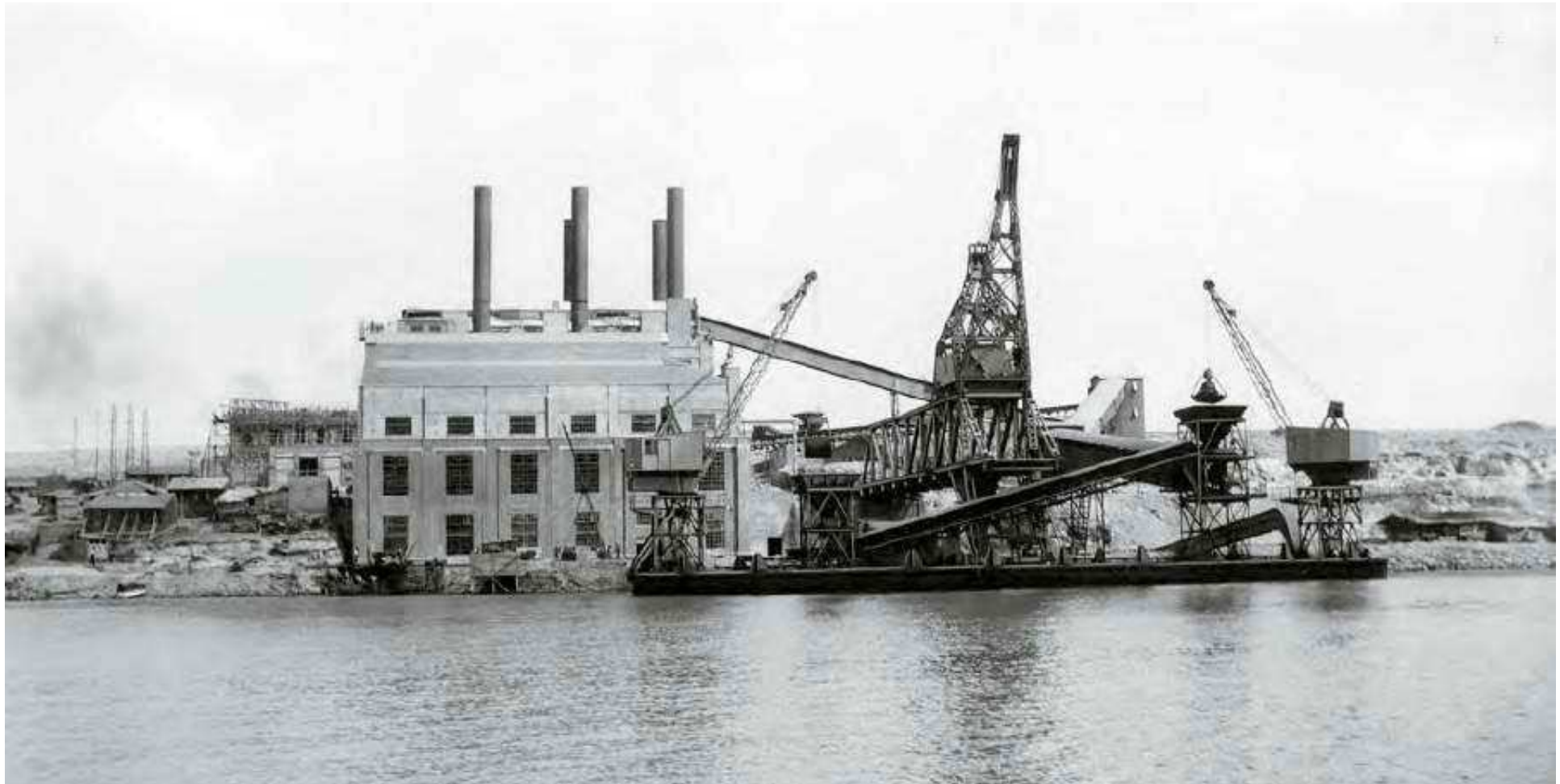


Waterloo Temporary Bridge 1924 - Rolling 280 ft long 600-ton navigation span girder into position. Temporary works design and erection under Hunter's direction [Hunter Archive]



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[Hunter 1929 p.25. Hunter Archive]



Athens Power Station 1927 [RCAHMS *Guide* 2000, pl. 58]

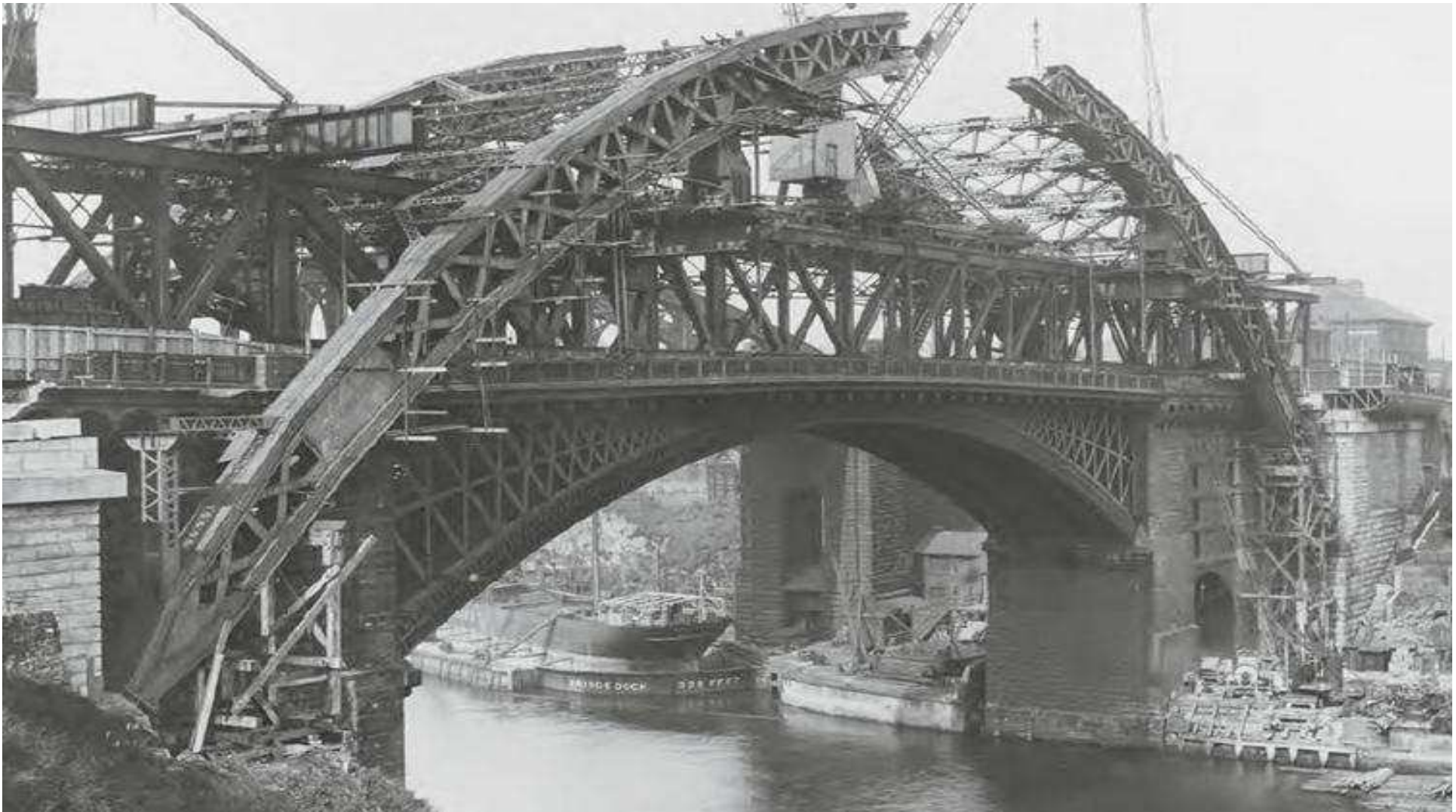


**Benue Bridge [road/rail], Makurdi, Nigeria - 2584 ft long -
nearing completion c.1930. Still in use, recently painted**

[RCAHMS *Guide* 2000 pl. 28]

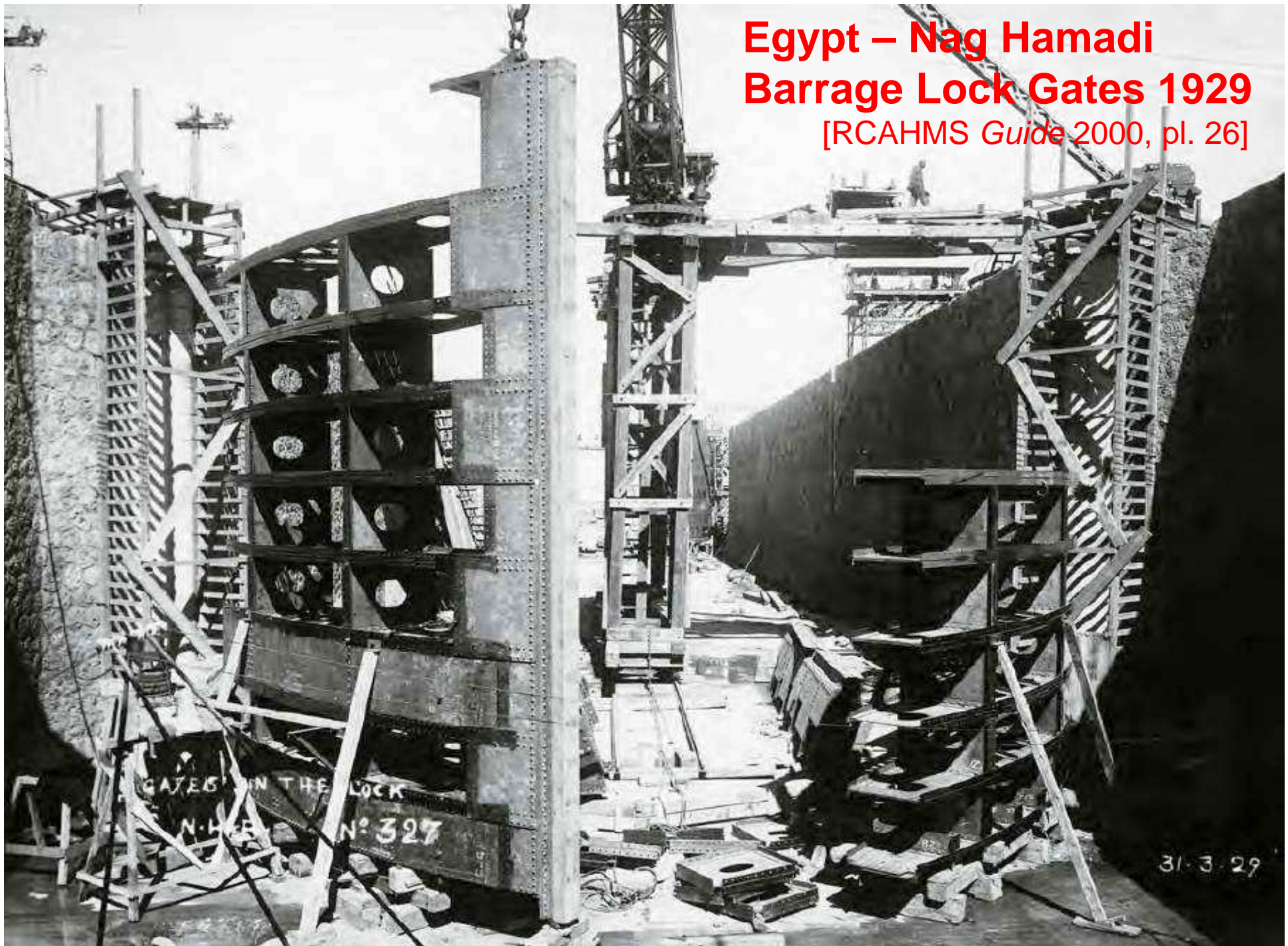


Sunderland Bridge, Wearmouth, 1796 – 236 ft span, then the world's longest - replaced by Robt Stephenson 1858 [mug c.1810]



Sunderland Bridge in 1928 being over- spanned by 375 ft, 3-pin arch because of land constraints – “erection a very clever piece of work” PPI StructE [Hunter 1929, 31; RCAHMS 2000, pl. 66]

**Egypt – Nag Hamadi
Barrage Lock Gates 1929**
[RCAHMS *Guide* 2000, pl. 26]





Tsoelike Suspension Bridge, Lesotho, Basutoland, 1930

[RCAHMS *Guide* 2000 pl. 63]



Tsoelike Suspension Bridge supports being made at Dalmarnock Iron Works [RCAHMS *Guide* 2000 pl. 62]

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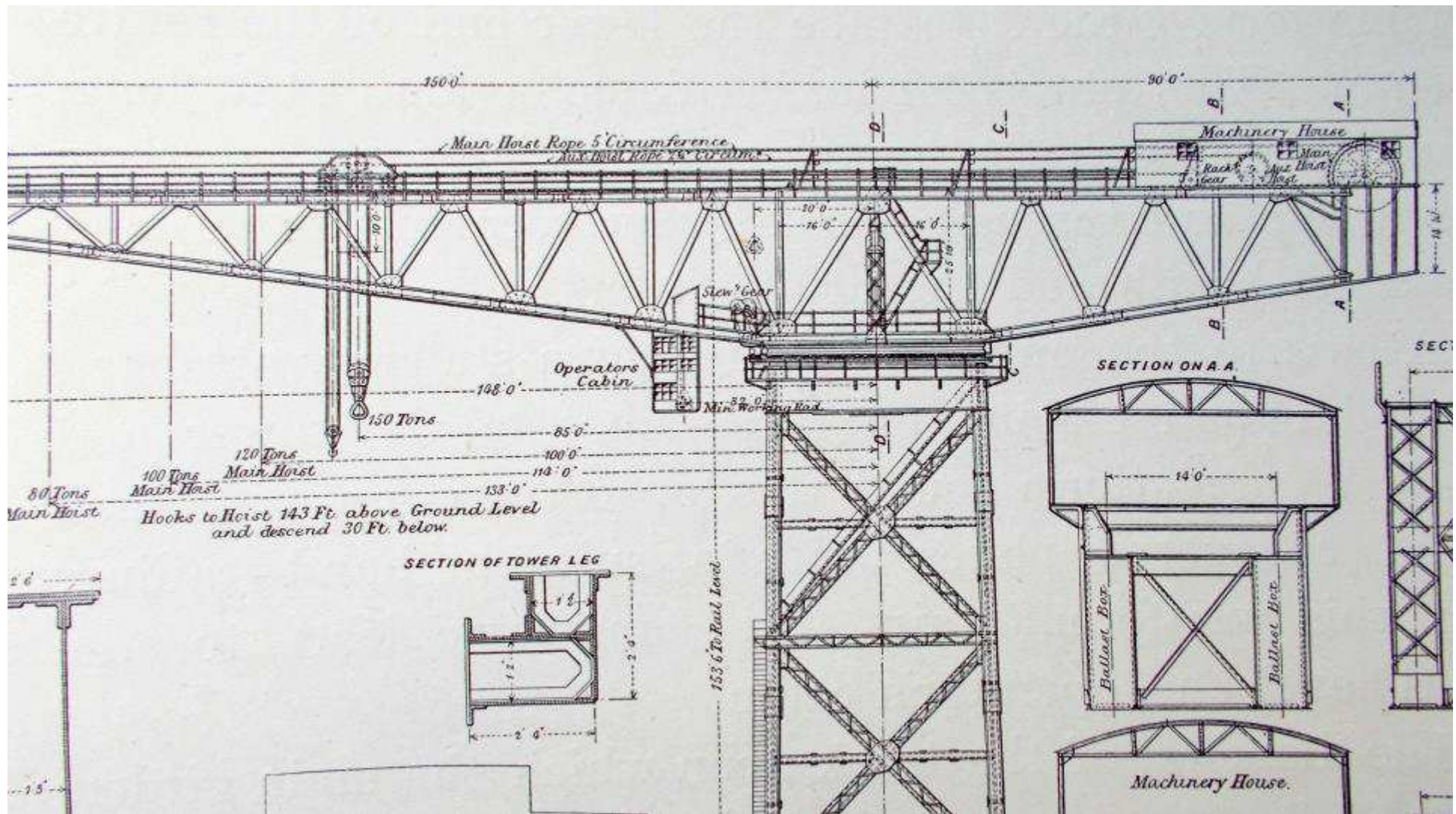
Masnedesund [road/rail] Bridge (top) connecting Falster and Zeeland, Denmark, under construction in 1934 a few months after Hunter's death [RCAHMS *Guide* 2000, pl. 53]



**Waterloo Bridge, London, under demolition in 1935.
Note Rennie's hollow spandrels of c.1813-16 to reduce
weight and permit internal inspection, but some foundations
eventually proved inadequate [RCAHMS 2000, pl.35]**

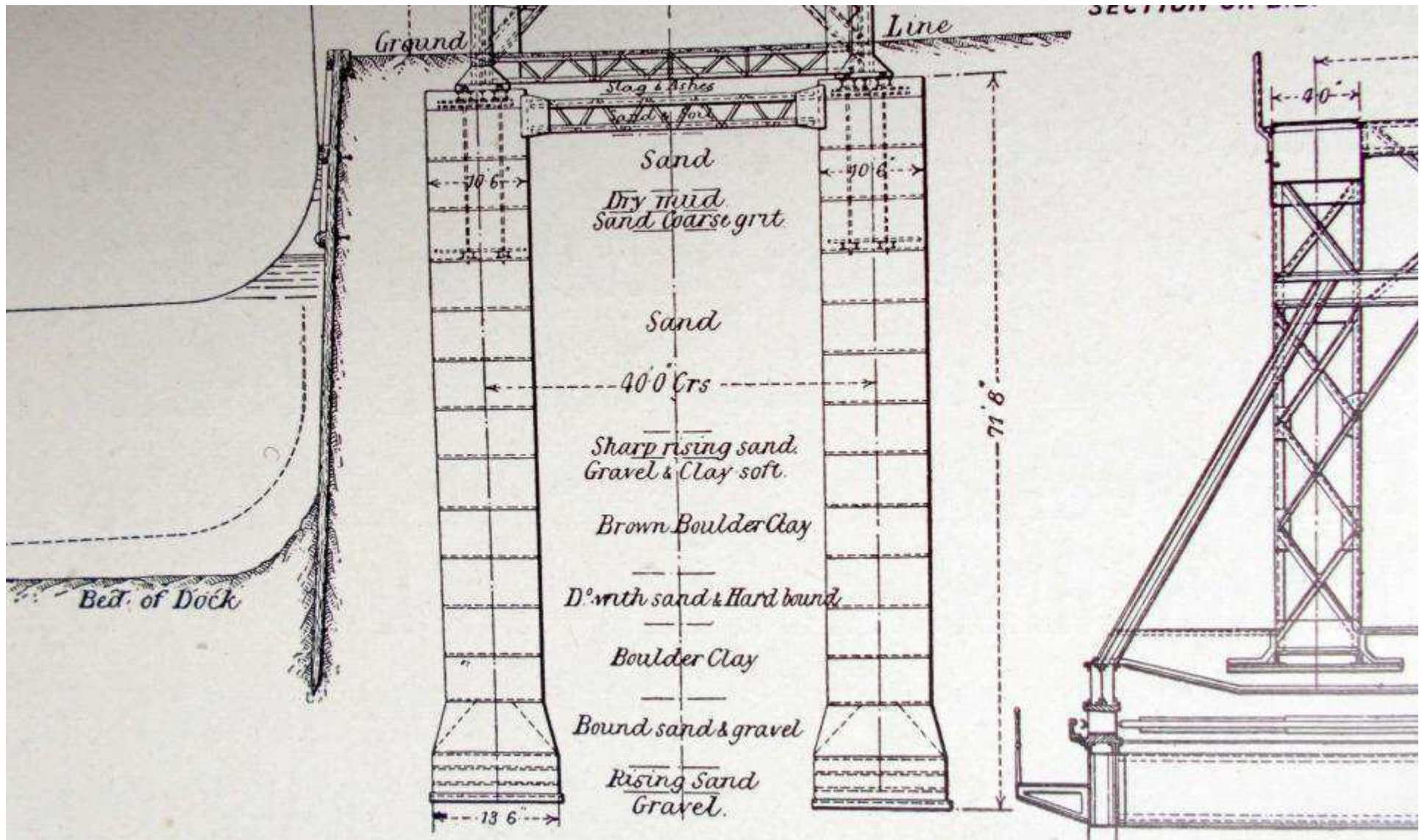


Waterloo Bridge (Rennie, 1817) and Arrol's temporary steel bridge of 1924 under demolition in 1935 after a decade in use [C. Cundall] In 1932 when presiding at a British Standards Committee meeting Hunter had a stroke which resulted in his resignation from the firm, but he continued as a consultant until his death in November 1933



Titan Crane Clydebank – open lattice jib and tower – Jib rotates about tower top. Best reproduction from the original drawing

[Arrol Bridges 1909, 263]



Titan Crane Clydebank 1906-07. Note cylindrical foundations 71' 8" deep

[Arrol Bridges 1909, 263]

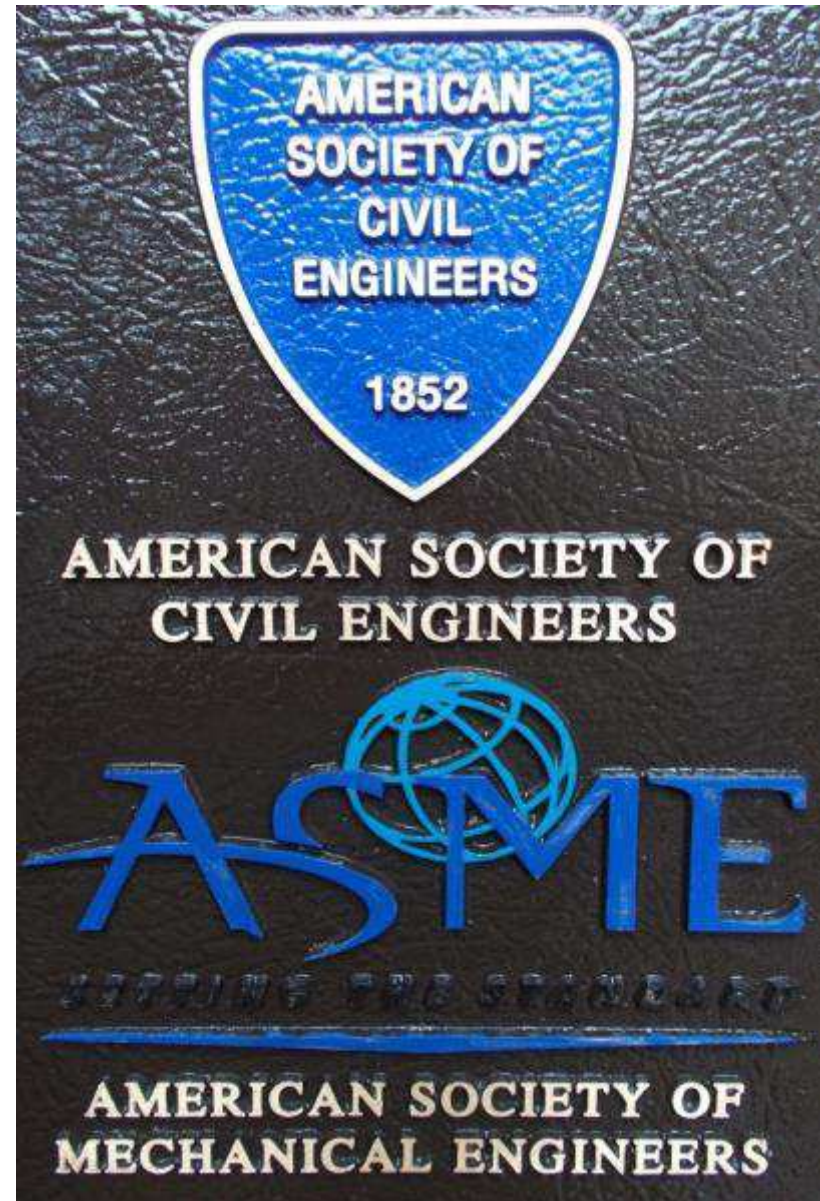
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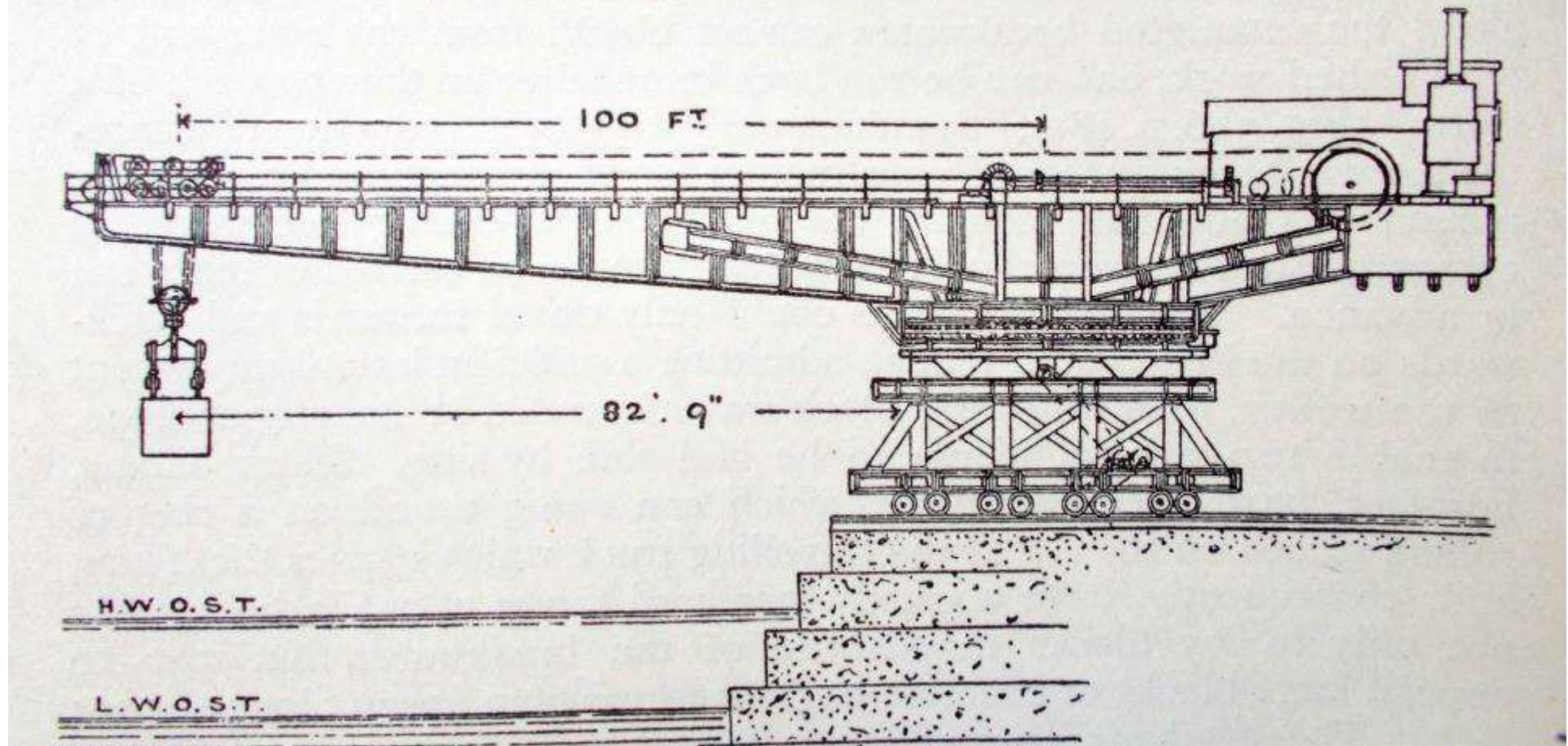
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WHEN TESTED WITH A 160-TON LOAD AT A RADIUS OF 85 FT (26 M) AND COMMISSIONED, THIS 164 FT (50 M)
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QUEEN ELIZABETH 2 AND HMY BRITANNIA.
PRESENTED TO TITAN CLYDEBANK TRUST
BY

**Part of the Titan Crane International Landmark Plaque
to be presented and dedicated on site on 20 August 2013
Adam Hunter now recognised as the crane's designer. The
plaque publicity significantly increased visitor attendance**

REVOLVING TITAN.

Fig. 317.—Laying Blocks in Horizontal Courses.



Titan's were used on large dock works from c.1870 and were of this form and size at Peterhead Breakwater [1885-1950s] by c.1900. Basic principle similar to Clydebank Titan, but ran on rails and were steam operated [Vernon-Harcourt *Civ. Eng.*, 1902, 486]



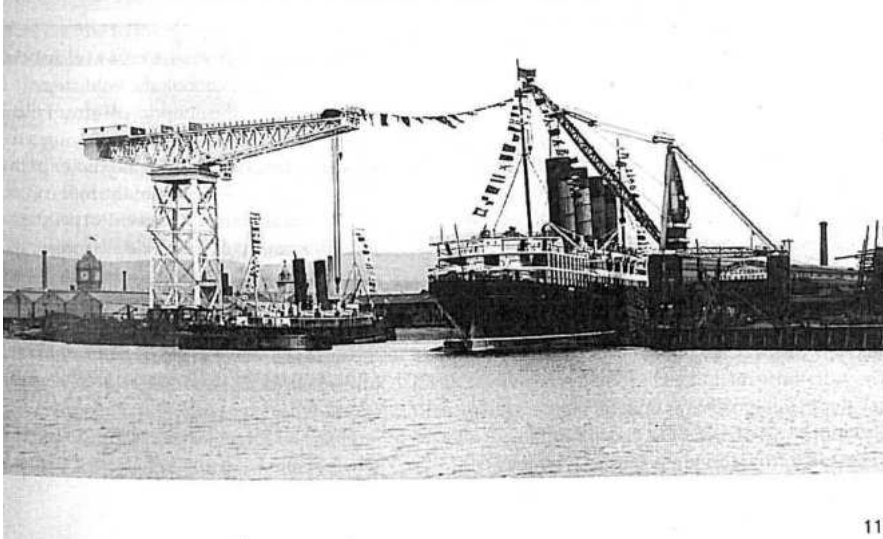
***Lusitania* well-advanced, as viewed from Titan cantilever in 1907.**

[below]

Note electrically operated derrick crane designed by Hunter in 1904 and used for fitting out *Lusitania*

[torpedoed by German U-boat 7 May 1915, 1198 lives lost]

[Johnstone, *I Ships for a Nation*]



Above
A magnificent view over the forward part of *Lusitania* from the 150 ton crane shows work well advanced.

Left
Lusitania dressed overall prior to running trials. The 150 ton cantilever crane has recently been commissioned.

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Last Photographs Of The Lusitania.



**Taken as sinking 7 May
1915 – lifeboats ready
to launch – miraculous
film survival – question
posed, ‘would America
enter the war?’**

[Hunter Archive]

Comparable or similar crane projects

- 1904* Beardmore, Dalmuir, UK [Benrather] 150-ton, scrapped 1973
- c.1904* Barrow UK [Benrather made] bombed 1941 [7.2]
- c.1908 **Nagasaki** [Motherwell Bridge - Arrol type] 180-ton
- 1909 Wallsend, UK 150-ton, recently scrapped?
- 1910 Fairfield, Glasgow, UK 150-ton, scrapped 2007
- 1911+ Fairfield, Glasgow, UK 100-ton
- 1911+ Revel, **Russia** 150-ton & 250-ton
- 1911+ Rosyth Dockyard 250-ton
- 1912 Belfast, UK 200-ton
- 1912+ **Mitsubishi Dockyard, Nagasaki**, Japan 300-ton
- 1912 Portsmouth, UK 240-ton
- 1912 **Sasebo, Japan** 250-ton, exists
- 1913+ **Bordeaux, France** 250-ton; **Dunkerque, France** 100-ton
- 1913+ **Hong Kong** 100-ton
- 1915 Woolwich, UK 200-ton

- 1917 Rosyth, UK 100-ton, scrapped 2005
- 1917 Greenock, UK 150-ton, exists
- 1919 North British Engine Works, Whiteinch, Glasgow UK 150-ton?, exists
- 1919* **League Island, Philadelphia**, USA 350-ton, scrapped 1996
- 1929 **Calcutta**, India 250-ton, exists
- 1931 Finnieston, Stobcross, Glasgow, UK 175-ton, exists
- 1931 Walker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK 250-ton
- 1933* **Puget Sound, Bremerton**, USA 250 or 300-ton, exists but not now used?
- 1935* **Pearl Harbor** 200-ton, scrapped 1980
- 1941* **Brooklyn**, USA 350-ton, scrapped 1965
- 1941* **Portsmouth, Virginia**, USA 300-ton, disused
- c.1942 Barrow, UK 150-ton? Replacement for c.1904 Benrather crane, scrapped 2011
- 1951 **Sydney, Australia** 250-ton, disused
- 1958 Belfast Harbour, Stormont Quay, 200-ton, scrapped?

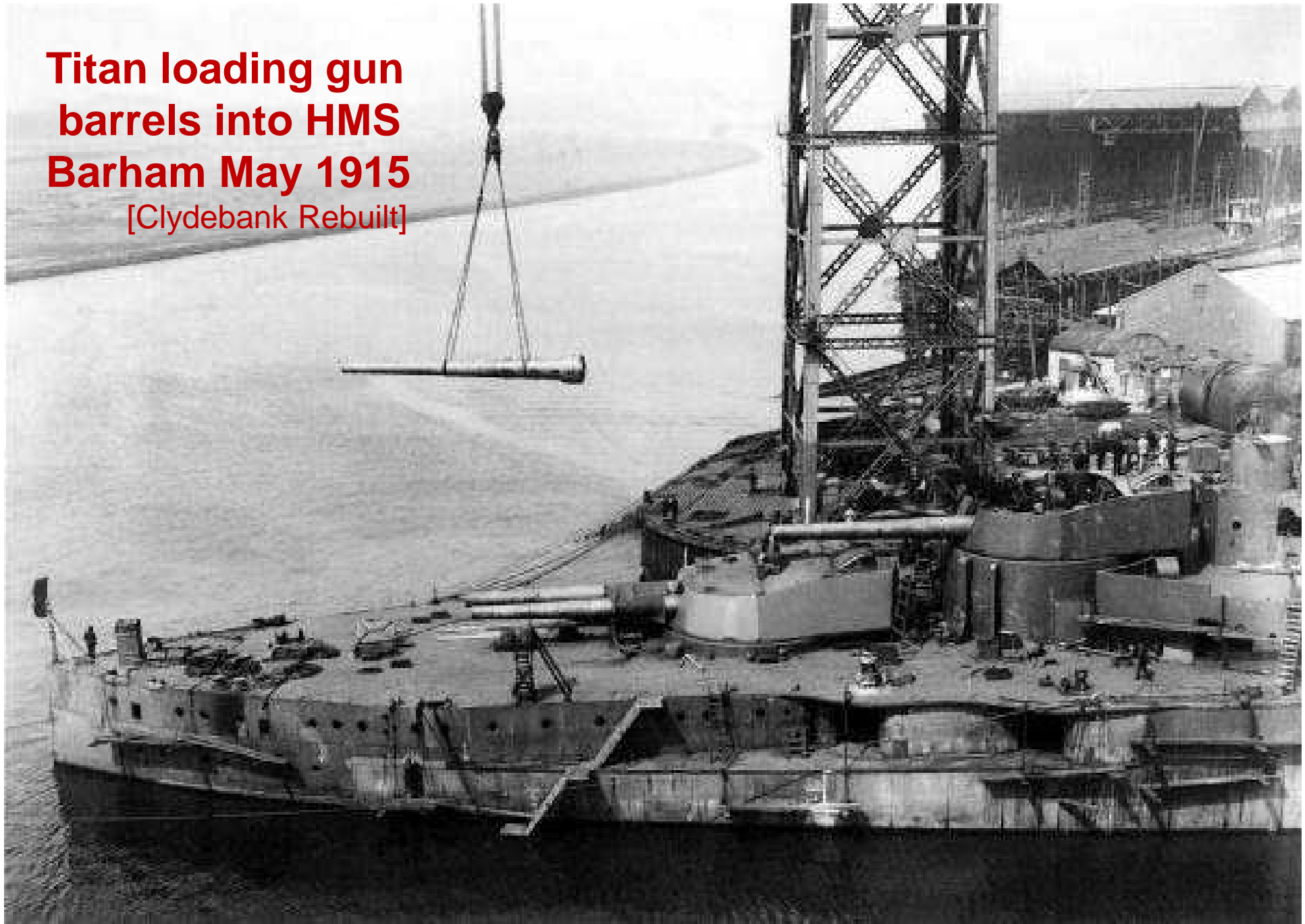
RE DE BREST. — L'Arsenal, vue générale
neral view of the Dock-yard



French variant design crane at Brest Arsenal c.1913

[Hunter Archive]

**Titan loading gun
barrels into HMS
Barham May 1915**
[Clydebank Rebuilt]





USA development. Giant Cantilever Crane, Portsmouth, Virginia, 300-ton, 1941 – now disused [www 28.6.13]

Excerpted from
The Engineer,
May 1st, 1931.

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designed, constructed & erected by

The largest of its type
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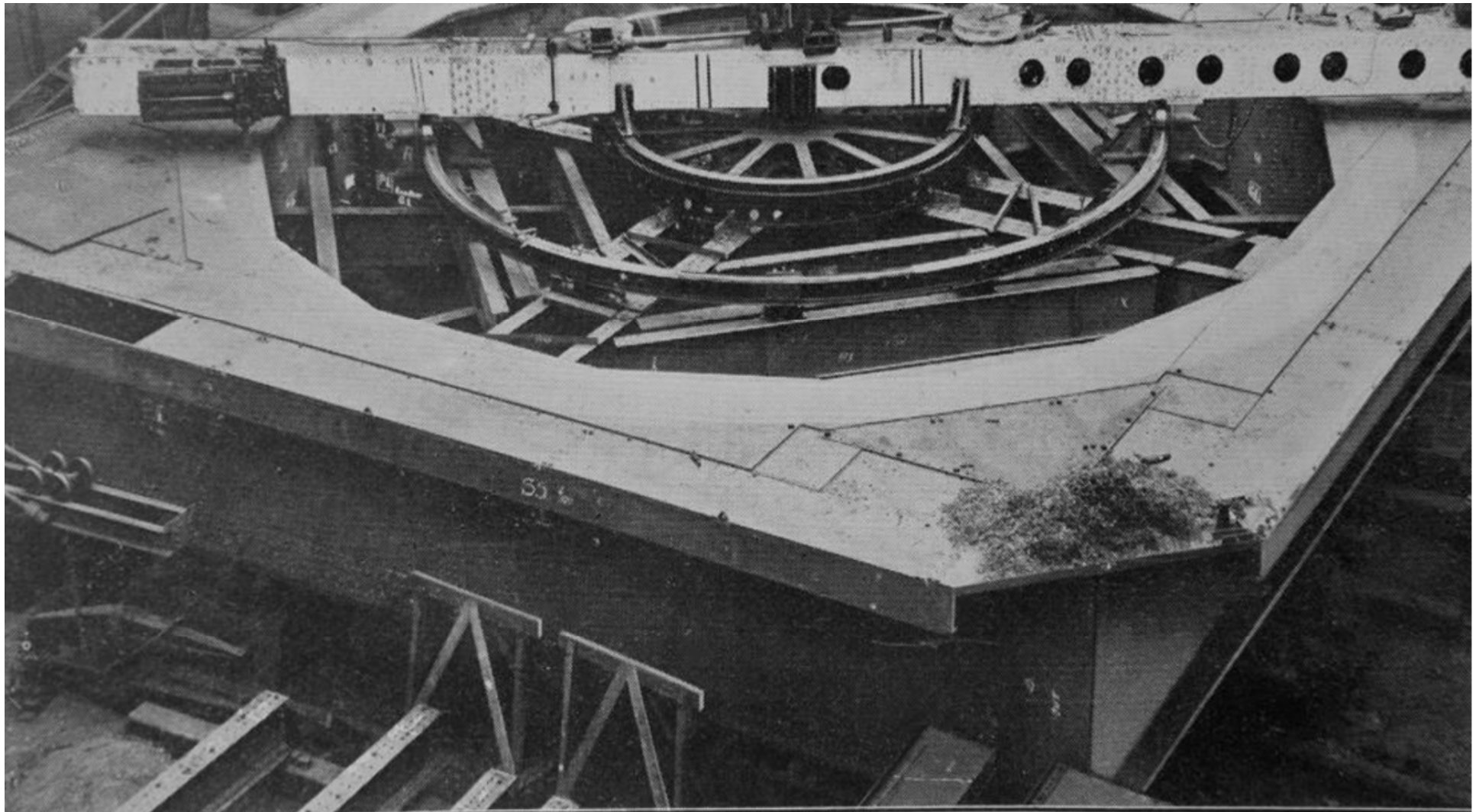
**Vickers Armstrong, Walker Shipyard,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Crane - 250-ton, 1931**

'largest of its type in the world'

[Arrol Brochure – Hunter Archive]



Walker Shipyard Crane, Newcastle-upon-Tyne under 300-ton test load in 1931 [Arrol Brochure – Hunter Archive]



Special Revolving Planing Machine for the Roller Paths.

Walker Shipyard Crane, 1931 - Planing roller paths

[Arrol brochure – Hunter Archive]



Walker Shipyard Crane 1931 – mode of erection by a derrick on a stand and balanced cantilever construction

[Arrol brochure – Hunter Archive]

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If you can't stand the height, stay out of the restaurant



Giant Crane, Sydney, Australia, 1951 – 250-ton, disused - the penultimate Titan? [Belfast, 1958] [Sydney Morning Herald 29 March 2013]



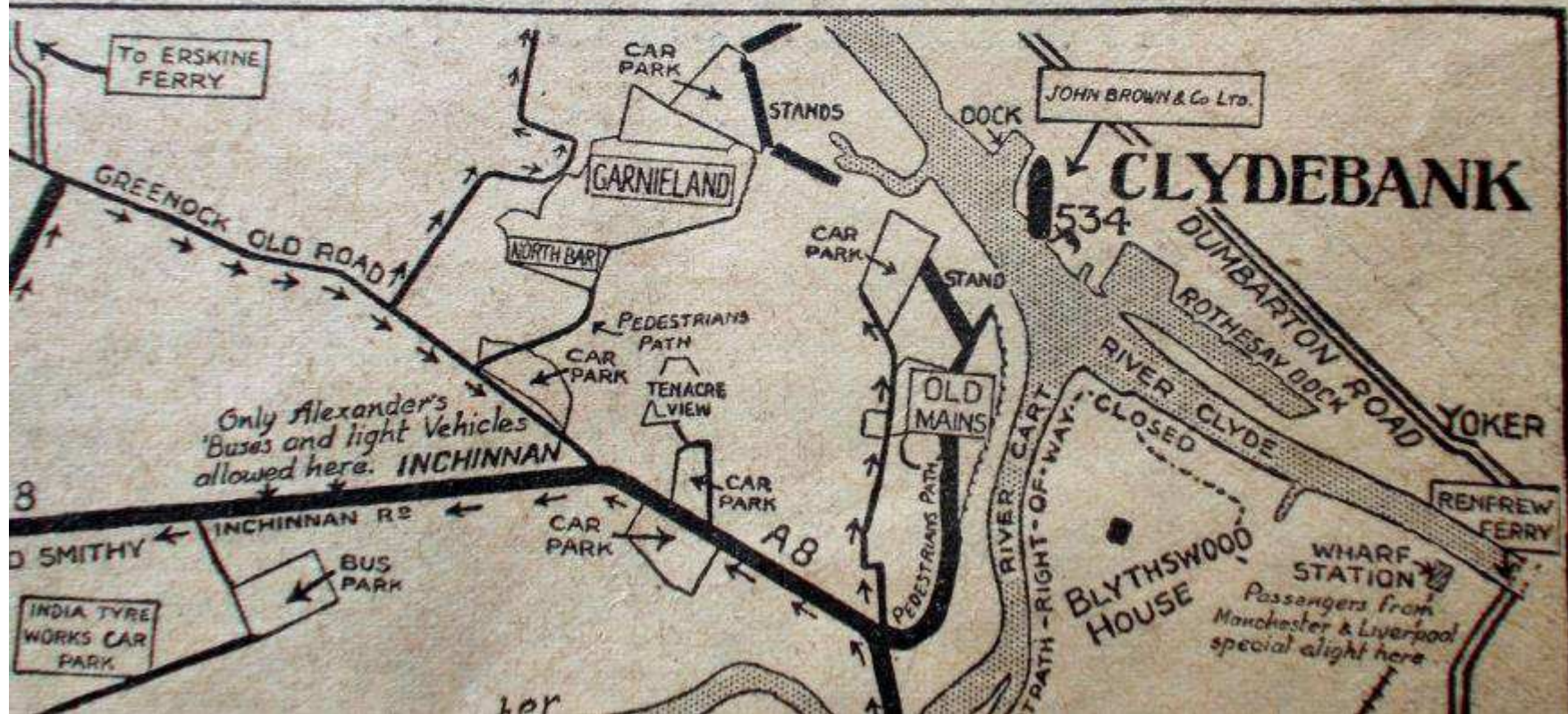
Dominating the skyline: the crane and, left, an artist's impression of how the venue might look.
Photo: Mick Tsikas

sioned architect, sculptor and painter Brett-Livingstone Strong to work on the proposal.
"Our plan is to develop this crane from being a dormant, inefficient and potentially hazardous eyesore ... into a viable, income-producing landmark,"

The crane was opened in 1951 and, with its thick beam structure and substantial counterweight section, has dominated the Garden Island skyline and can be seen from a great distance.
It was the largest such crane in the southern hemisphere and one of only 15 in the world.

Sydney Crane 1951 – Conservation proposal for viewing platform/restaurant
[Sydney Morning Herald 29 March 2013]

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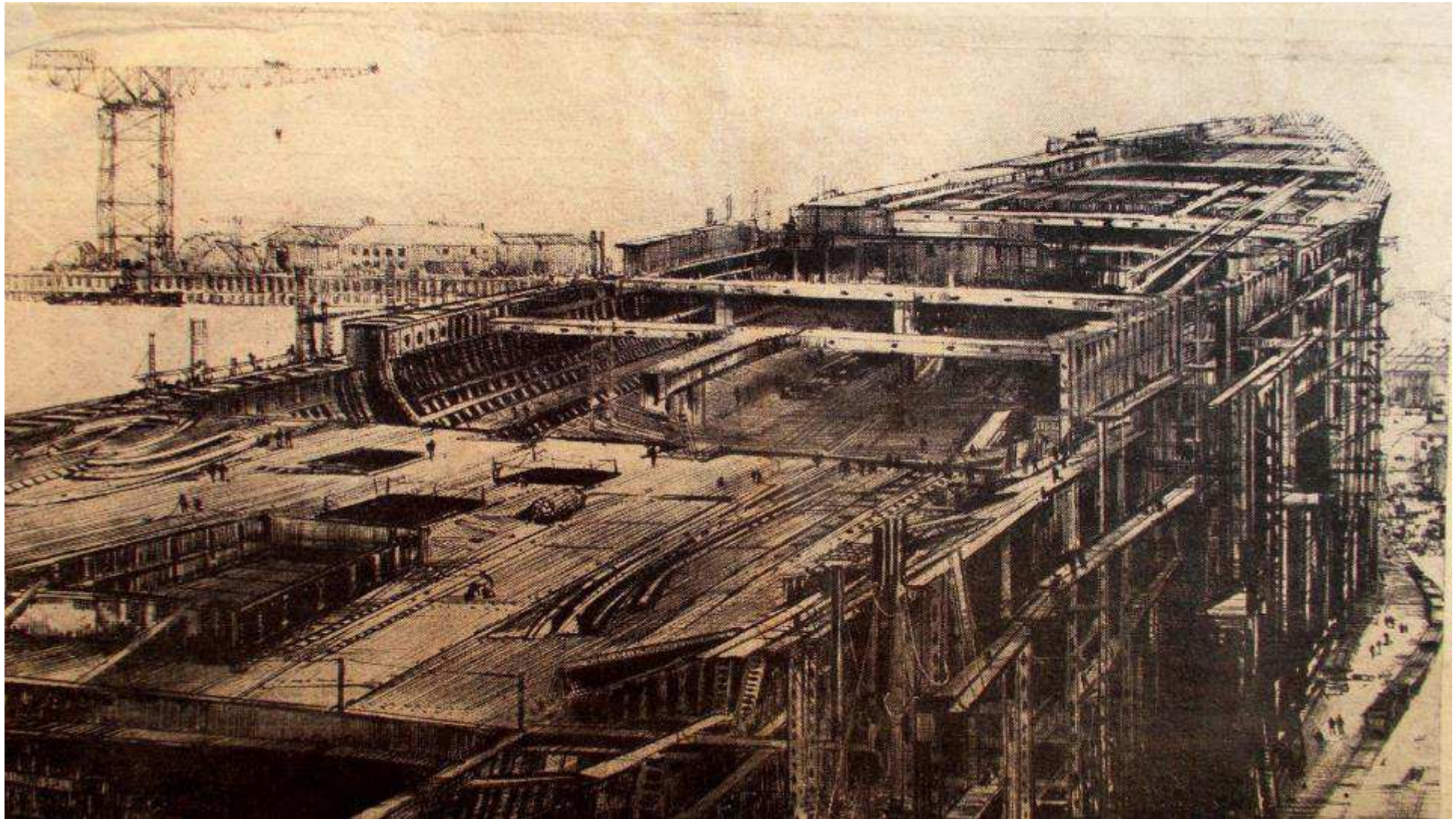


Arrangements for the launch of "534" at Clydebank
- A red letter day! [Daily Record Suppl. 26 September 1934]



**“534” after having been named *Queen Mary* in service
c.1936 - now permanently berthed at Long Beach,
California**

[cont. post card]



“534” at Clydebank c.1933 – with its 2 acres of top surface and 10,000,000 rivets [on completion!] – Note crane and size of men (right)
[Hunter Archive - *Daily Record Suppl.* 26 Sept 1934]

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