



M219 Alterations to Miss Cranston's Lunch and Tea Rooms, Buchanan Street

Introduction

The work carried out for Miss Catherine (Kate) Cranston was minor, consisting of redecoration and new stays for the windows. Included within the tenders is a reference to a 'balcony for King's visit'. Edward VII and Queen Alexandra visited Glasgow on 14 May 1903 to lay the foundation stone for the Glasgow & West of Scotland Technical College's new building. ¹

Authorship: The job book entry is entirely in Mackintosh's hand and from 1898 on Miss Cranston had given him all of her important commissions. In 1896–7 he had designed murals for her Buchanan Street premises, which had been designed by George Washington Browne with interiors by George Walton. ² The 1903 alterations were carried out concurrently with the remodelling of 217 Sauchiehall Street for the Willow Tea Rooms.

Cost from job book: £184 19s 0d

Status: Standing building; interiors altered

Current use: Retail and offices (2014)

Listing category: A: Listed as '91 Buchanan Street'

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 32998

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56NE 211

Grid reference: NS 58977 65269

Chronology

1903

18 February: Earliest contractor tender accepted. ¹

22 October: Latest contractor payment date. ²

Description

People

Clients:

- Miss Catherine (Kate) Cranston

Contractors:

- J. & W. Guthrie & Andrew Wells
- Henry Hope & Son

Job Book

The job books of Honeyman & Keppie (later Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh) are now held by The Hunterian, University of Glasgow and include four volumes related to the Mackintosh period. The books were used by the firm to keep a project-by-project, day-by-day record of contractors, suppliers and expenditure. The name of a project and/or client is usually at the top of the left-hand page, followed by information about tradesmen who tendered. The name of the measurer (quantity surveyor) is usually at the top of the right-hand page, followed by information about payments to contractors and suppliers. All of the

data for M219 is entered in the tables below.

Page numbering is not consistent in the job books. Sometimes a single number refers to a double-page spread and sometimes each page is individually numbered. Here, each image of a double-page spread is identified by the number given at the top of the left-hand page. (Images of all of the pages from the four job books can be found at [Browse Job Books, Visit Book and Cash Book.](#))

The following information about M219 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062
Page: 14

Client: Miss Catherine (Kate) Cranston

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
J. & W. Guthrie & Andrew Wells	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	'£120 to £130'	yes (18 February 1903)
Henry Hope & Son	window fittings	no data in job book	no data in job book	£16 0s 0d ¹	yes (17 March 1903)
J. & W. Guthrie & Andrew Wells	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	£35 0s 0d ²	yes (27 March 1903)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
J. & W. Guthrie & Andrew Wells	no data in job book	Payment date: 5 September 1903 £175 15s 0d
Henry Hope & Son	window fittings	Payment date: 22 October 1903 £9 4s 0d

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Notes:

- 1: Glasgow City Archives Collection: Proclamation of the visit of the King and Queen, 14 May 1903, D-TC 6/581/12.
- 2: For more information on the 1896–7 work, see Roger Billcliffe, *Charles Rennie Mackintosh: The Complete Furniture, Furniture Drawings and Interior Designs*, Moffat, Dumfriesshire: Cameron & Hollis, 4th edn, 2009, pp. 39–43.
- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 14.
- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 14.
- 5: For 'New Stays for Casement Windows'; '40 @ 8/- each'.
- 6: For 'Instructing Grant regarding Balcony for King's Visit'.

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