

# M320 Tenement, Rutherglen Road and Thistle Street

## Introduction

This tenement, consisting of flats above ground-floor shops, was built as part of a municipal street-widening scheme in the crowded, industrial district of Hutchesontown. Old property on the S.W. side of Rutherglen Road was acquired by the Corporation of Glasgow, demolished, and replaced with new tenements set back from the former building line. As well as this block at the S.E. corner of Rutherglen Road and Thistle Street, Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh designed a neighbouring block at the corner of Hospital Street. With their domed corner turrets, the fronts of the new buildings followed the example of middle-class tenements in more affluent parts of Glasgow. At the back, some flats were accessed from open-air balconies (called 'gangways' on the drawings), a feature associated with improved working-class housing. Both blocks were demolished in 1981.

**Authorship:** The minutes of Glasgow Corporation's Statute Labour Committee show that John Keppie was in charge of this project: he met with the committee, presented the initial sketch proposals and submitted regular reports as work progressed. There is nothing to suggest that Mackintosh was involved, apart from a few pencilled notes in the job-book entry that may be in his hand.

**Alternative addresses:** 65–69 Thistle Street

**Cost from job book:** £9334 11s 7d

**Status:** Demolished

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS56SE 696

**Grid reference:** NS 5920 6421

## Chronology

### 1912

10 April: At a meeting of Glasgow Corporation's Statute Labour Committee (subcommittee for the widening of Rutherglen Road), John Keppie presents alternative sketch plans for tenements at the S.E. corner of Rutherglen Road and Thistle Street, and at the S.E. corner of Rutherglen Road and Hospital Street. The subcommittee selects two plans and asks Keppie to prepare working drawings and estimates. They specify that each dwelling should have an inside W.C., that the ceilings of the ground-floor shops should be fireproof, and that Robert Scott & Son should be appointed measurers. <sup>1</sup>

24 October: Plans approved by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. <sup>2</sup>

November: Work starts on clearing old buildings from site. <sup>3</sup>

### 1913

January: Foundations being laid. <sup>4</sup>

September: Roof being slated. <sup>5</sup>

### 1914

30 July: Building discharged by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court inspector. <sup>6</sup>

18 November: Final payments to major contractors. <sup>7</sup>

### 1981

Tenement demolished. <sup>8</sup>

## People

### Clients:

- Glasgow Corporation

## Contractors:

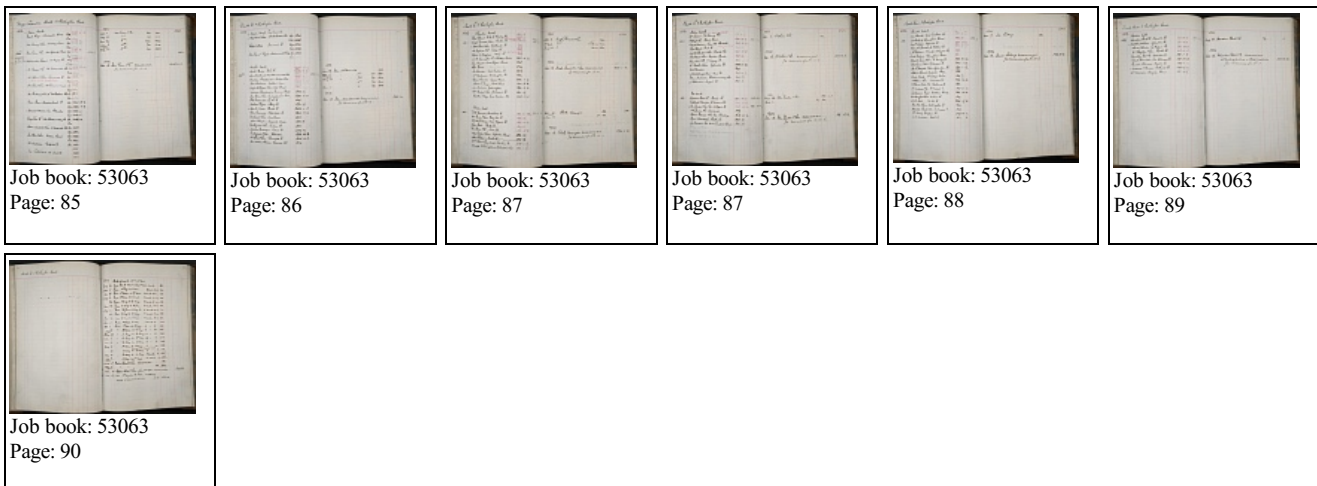
- Thomas Brown
- John Green & Co.
- Johnston Park & Co.
- John McDonald
- William McNeil
- Robert Scott & Son
- James Stirling
- Hugh Twaddle & Son
- G. & R. Wemyss
- WhitPCo [entity]
- J. Youden & Co.

## 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 M320 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 M320 has been extracted from the job books:



**Client:** Glasgow Corporation

**Measurer:** Robert Scott & Son

## Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Roger Crank	mason	10 Maxwell Road	1912	£4143 3s 5d	no
John Emery & Son	mason	Nursery Lane	1912	£4187 14s 0d	no
John Green & Co.	mason	600 Eglinton Street	1912	£4162 18s 0d	yes (October 1912)
Elphinstone Forest	mason	12 Dixon Street	1912	£4389 19s 9d	no
M. Stewart & Co.	mason	121 Maxwell Road	1912	£4402 12s 10d	no
William Shaw & Sons	mason	Commerce Street	1912	£4433 2s 10d	no
Hill Kerr & Son	mason	231 Clarence Drive	1912	£4496 0s 0d	no
John Kirkwood & Smith	mason	246 Cathcart Road	1912	£4428 0s 0d	no
Peter Shaw	mason	Meadowpark Street	1912	£4715 16s 5d or £4964 2s 3d	no

Morrison & Mason Ltd	mason	Polmadie	1912	£4894 6s 0d or £5134 6s 0d	no
George Good & Co.	mason	424 Parliamentary Road	1912	£4463 14s 0d	no
Robert Murdoch & Sons	mason	424 Parliamentary Road	1912	£4575 0s 0d or £4774 0s 0d	no
John [Proctor] & Sons	mason	London Road	1912	£4620 0s 0d or £4800 0s 0d	no
William Anderson	mason	Bellfield Street	1912	£4970 0s 0d or £5100 0s 0d	no
James Sutherland	mason	46 Dale Street	1912	£4867 0s 0d or £5000 0s 0d	no
Alex Muir & Sons	mason	134 Nithsdale Drive	1912	£4743 0s 0d or £4963 0s 0d	no
Gebbie & Dale	mason	Jamaica Street	1912	£5220 0s 0d or £5386 0s 0d	no
John Crain & Taylor	mason	Dalmarnock Bridge	1912	£5350 0s 0d	no
Deck & Benzie	wright	Forth Street	1912	£2928 12s 3d	no
John McDonald	wright	Old Dalmarnock Road	1912	£2859 6s 9d	yes (October 1912)
Duncan Buchanan	wright	London Road	1912	£2921 7s 1d	no
John Cochrane	wright	Dobbies Loan	1912	£2902 3s 2d	no
Hugh McTaggart & Son	wright	Mill Street	1912	£2990 0s 0d	no
Anderson & Henderson	wright	Kinning Park	1912	£3343 14s 0d	no
John Holms & Son	wright	Sandyfaulds Lane	1912	£3079 6s 6d	no
S. & R. Duncanson	wright	South Street	1912	£3109 0s 0d	no
Wallace & Bryce	wright	Albany Street	1912	£3170 17s 0d	no
Alex W. Liddle	wright	Thistle Street	1912	£3488 1s 3d	no
Peter Cumming	wright	Hyde Park Street	1912	£3309 7s 2d	no
George Laird & Son	wright	Ann Street	1912	£3715 0s 0d	no
Allan & Baxter	wright	Maxwell Road	1912	£3391 16s 0d	no
George Ferguson & Son	wright	Gardner Street	1912	£3500 0s 0d	no
Matthew Henderson	wright	Grant Street	1912	£3409 12s 0d	no
James Morrison & Son	wright	Polmadie	1912	£3533 0s 0d	no
William Shaw & Son	wright	Commerce Street	1912	£3546 14s 2d	no
William Allan & Cowan	wright	Seamore Street	1912	£3672 0s 0d	no
Thomas Sprout	plumber	St James Street, Paisley Road	1912	£827 8s 0d	no
Hugh Twaddle & Son	plumber	London Street	1912	£823 15s 0d or £829 3s 0d <sup>1</sup>	yes (October 1912)
Moses Speirs & Son	plumber	Bothwell Street	1912	£840 0s 0d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	George Street	1912	£846 0s 0d	no
Robert S. Renfrew	plumber	North Street	1912	£842 0s 0d or £849 0s 0d <sup>2</sup>	no
James M. Symington & Co.	plumber	Cathcart Road	1912	£858 4s 9d	no
George Munro	plumber	West Regent Street	1912	£853 0s 0d	no
Colin Turner	plumber	West Regent Street	1912	£874 0s 0d	no
James Goodlet	plumber	West Graham Street	1912	£856 0s 0d	no
William Anderson	plumber	Wellington Street	1912	£880 0s 0d	no
Robert Russell	plumber	[Byres] Road	1912	£891 1s 8d	no
Brown & Young	plumber	Bath Street	1912	£994 3s 0d	no
James Raeside	plumber	Gallowgate	1912	£894 3s 8d	no
William Hendry & Son	plumber	St Vincent Street	1912	£881 19s 0d	no
Stalker & Daye	plumber	Great Western Road	1912	£923 12s 6d	no
G. & R. Wemyss	plaster	Muirhouse Street	1912	£270 6s 9½d	yes (October 1912)
William Tonner & Sons	plaster	Douglas Street	1912	£276 13s 0d	no
R. A. McGilvray	plaster	West Regent Street	1912	£268 10s 3d	no

John Forbes	plaster	Bath Street	1912	£327 13s 0d	no
George Rome & Co.	plaster	Jane Street	1912	£317 18s 3d	no
Alex Calder & Sons	plaster	Eglinton Street	1912	£332 17s 0d	no
William Forbes & Sons	plaster	West Graham Street	1912	£358 1s 6d	no
Wemyss & Livingstone	plaster	39 Victoria Road	1912	£897 1s 6d	no
William Laurie	slater	St James Road	1912	£188 9s 6d	no
WhitPCo [entity]	slater	Paul Street	1912	£194 7s 7d	yes (October 1912)
Mark Bertram	slater	Crow Road, Partick	1912	£206 9s 2d	no
Thomas Black	slater	Peel Street	1912	£209 5s 0d	no
James Cuthbertson & Son	slater	Shields Road	1912	£205 8s 5d	no
J. McOwat & Son	slater	London Road	1912	£203 12s 0d	no
Hamilton & Co.	slater	7 Surrey Street	1912	£201 0s 0d	no
William Walker & Sons	slater	Eglinton Street	1912	£223 6s 2d	no
W. & D. Mailer	slater	no data in job book	1912	£219 0s 0d	no
A. Mackenzie Ross	slater	Ann Street	1912	£209 4s 7d	no
John Anderson	slater	Parliamentary Road	1912	£214 17s 0d	no
A. Robertson	slater	Argyle Street	1912	£223 3s 0d	no
Haddow Forbes & Co.	tile	Bath Street	1912	£212 18s 7d	no
Galbraith Honiton	tile	St Vincent Street	1912	£225 11s 3d	no
J. Youden & Co.	tile	West Regent Street	1912	£226 15s 10d	yes (October 1912)
W. H. Youden & Co.	tile	Elmbank	1912	£227 0s 0d	no
Robert Brown & Son Ltd	tile	Paisley	1912	£248 2s 4d	no
Kean & Wardrope	tile	Bath Street	1912	£265 4s 0d	no
James Duncan Ltd	tile	West Campbell Street	1912	£291 4s 0d <sup>3</sup>	no
John Carruthers	painter	West Graham Street	1912	£211 0s 9d	no
James Stirling	painter	Springburn Road	1912	£222 5s 0d	yes (October 1912)
James F. Edgar	painter	Eglinton Street	1912	£235 13s 3d	no
Peter W. Kerracher	painter	South Portland Street	1912	£229 10s 7½d	no
McFarlane & Smith	painter	West Regent Street	1912	£239 0s 0d	no
Archibald Stirling	painter	Springburn Road	1912	£231 0s 0d	no
Donald Turner & Son	painter	St Mungo Street	1912	£269 16s 4d	no
Thomas Laurie & Son	painter	St Vincent Street	1912	£245 8s 9d	no
John R. Donald & Son	painter	Eglinton Street	1912	£234 1s 6d	no
Hobbs & Samuels	painter	Anderson Quay	1912	£230 0s 0d	no
Simon Kemp	painter	St George's Road	1912	£269 7s 0d	no
W. D. Home & Son	painter	St Vincent Street	1912	£239 13s 11d	no
C. F. Bowie Fisher & Co.	painter	Bothwell Street	1912	£250 0s 0d	no
H. S. Anderson & Co.	painter	St Vincent Street	1912	£243 2s 7d	no
James Moodie	painter	Great Western Road	1912	£284 2s 10d	no
William Douglas & Sons	painter	West George Street	1912	£317 0s 0d	no
A. & J. Scott	painter	West George Street	1912	£234 17s 6d	no
John Orr & Sons	painter	Wellington Street	1912	£264 0s 0d	no
Donald Campbell	painter	St Vincent Street	1912	£240 0s 0d	no
J. [F.] Irving	painter	Renfrew Street	1912	£278 18s 11d	no
J. & R. Anderson	painter	Bath Street	1912	£267 0s 6d	no

Johnston Park & Co.	electric light	Oswald Street	1912	£77 15s 8d	yes (October 1912)
Malcolm & Allan	electric light	Eglinton Street	1912	£90 18s 6d	no
Osbourne & Hunter	electric light	West Regent Street	1912	£94 19s 9d	no
William Bryden & Son	electric light	Bath Street	1912	£103 4s 3d	no
Grindley Ross & Co.	electric light	Waterloo Street	1912	£123 1s 8d	no
Claud Hamilton Ltd	electric light	St Vincent Street	1912	£133 12s 3d	no
Rimrose & Rimrose	electric light	Bath Street	1912	£122 11s 1d	no
Anderson & Munro	electric light	Bothwell Street	1912	£129 17s 11d	no
William Anderson	electric light	Douglas Street	1912	£136 19s 6d	no
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#### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum	Measurer fee payments
John Green & Co.	mason	<b>First installment:</b> 1 April 1913 <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £4045 10s 11d	£41 15s 0d <sup>4</sup>
John McDonald	wright	<b>First installment:</b> 26 June 1913 <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £2851 14s 0d	£28 12s 0d <sup>5</sup>
Hugh Twaddle & Son	plumber	<b>First installment:</b> 6 October 1913 <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £954 1s 10d	£9 10s 0d <sup>6</sup>
G. & R. Wemyss	plaster	<b>First installment:</b> 15 November [1913] <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £274 11s 10d	£2 15s 0d <sup>7</sup>
WhitPCo [entity]	slater	<b>First installment:</b> 6 October 1913 <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £127 9s 3d	£1 5s 6d <sup>8</sup>
J. Youden & Co.	tile	<b>First installment:</b> 19 January 1914 <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £286 13s 2d	£2 17s 6d <sup>9</sup>
James Stirling	painter	<b>First installment:</b> 17 March 1914 <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £196 19s 5d	£1 19s 6d <sup>10</sup>
Johnston Park & Co.	electric light	<b>First installment:</b> 28 August 1914 <b>Final installment:</b> 18 November 1914 £115 13s 2d <sup>11</sup>	£1 3s 0d <sup>12</sup>

#### Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service		
William McNeil	Clerk of Works	<b>First installment:</b> 18 November 1912 <b>Final installment:</b> 19 November 1914	£169 10s 0d

Measurer fee payment: £312 8s 0d

## Documents

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## Images

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### Notes:

- 1: Printed minutes of the Corporation of Glasgow, April 1912–November 1912, p. 1353.
- 2: Glasgow City Archives Collection: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court, Register of Inspections, D-OPW 25/61, pp. 37–8.
- 3: Glasgow City Archives Collection: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court, Register of Inspections, D-OPW 25/61, pp. 37–8.
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- 7: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, pp. 85–90.
- 8: David Stark, *Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Co.*, Catrine, Ayrshire: Stenlake Publishing, 2004, p. 211.
- 9: 'Kitchen ranges charged.'
- 10: 'K[itthen] R[anges] charged'.
- 11: This entry is followed by pencil notes, possibly in Mackintosh's hand: 'Terazzo at Shops. Dados 13/6 per sq yd. & 8d per [illegible] for round corners. Doorways 12/- per sq yd.'
- 12: '½ measurer's fee.'
- 13: '½ measurer's fee.'
- 14: '½ measurer's fee.'
- 15: '½ measurer's fee.'
- 16: '½ measurer's fee.'
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- 18: '½ measurer's fee.'
- 19: 'Including fittings in shops supplied.'
- 20: '½ measurer's fee.'

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