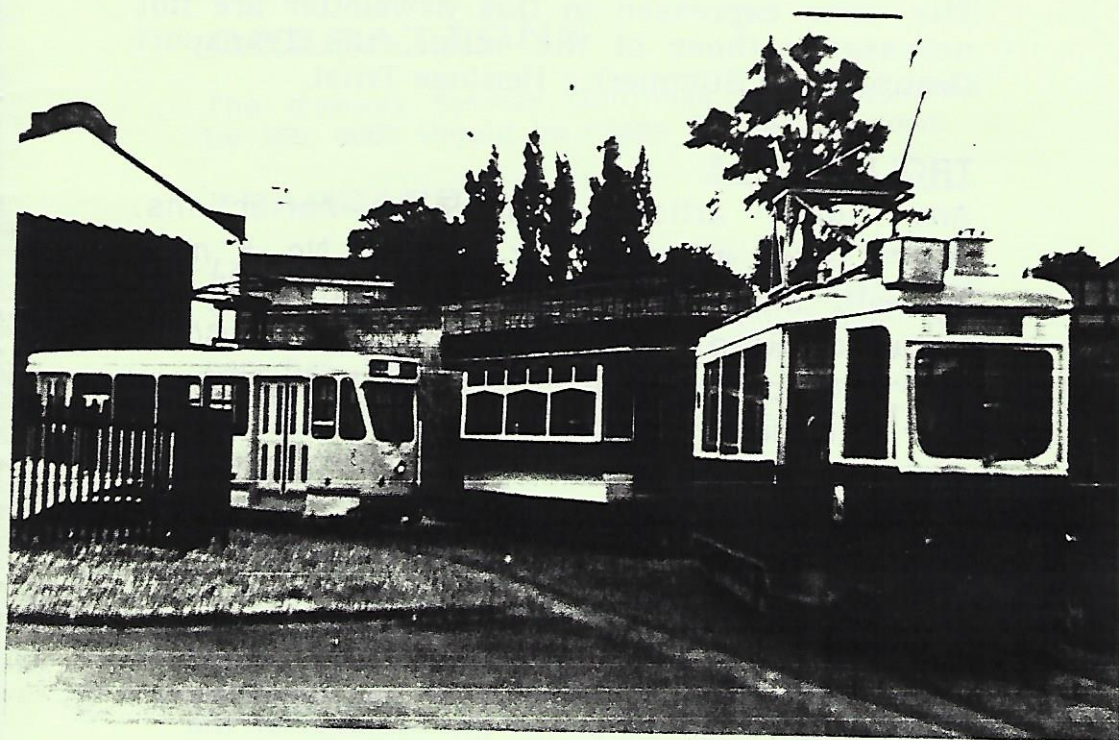

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TROLLEY No. 8

Any news, articles, additions, corrections, letters, sales items etc for "Trolley" No. 8 must be with the editor (Gary C Conn) at 10F Fergusson Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld, GLASGOW, G67 1LS (or left in the Members Mail Box) no later than the end of March

The cover photograph shows three of our cars:-
Service car - Graz 225
Open topped Lanarkshire 53
Newly painted Bruxelles 9062

The photo on 'Trolley' No.6 cover was taken by James Wilson - apologies for the omission of the credit.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This year looks like being very exciting for Summerlee, and in particular, the Summerlee Electric Tramway. The unveiling of the Lanarkshire car and the re-emergence of 9062 after its refit will keep members entertained; there is also the opening of the Coal Mine and the Miners' Rows for extra interest.

May I take this opportunity to apologise to readers for the delay in producing 'Trolley' No.7 due to production problems and personal College commitments.

NEWS

OPERATIONS

The tramway service continues to be operated by 225. 9062 should be ready for service soon.

TRAMCARS

Lanarkshire 53. It is pleasing to report that 53 is now almost complete. The truck has been repainted into maroon, its correct colour. The car has been out on several test runs and seems satisfactory. 53 will appear in colour on the front the forthcoming 'Lanarkshire's Trams' book - read ahead for more details.

Oporto 150. (body) has been covered with a tarpaulin to temporarily cover leaks in the roof.

Graz 225. This car will enter the depot for a much needed overhaul once 9062 has entered service.

Glasgow 1017. Restoration of 1017 is now well in progress. Unusable wood has been replaced and the platform and roof at one end have been removed and are at present being re-constructed. Any member interested in helping to restore this, or any other car, at Summerlee would be most welcome. Work takes place in the depot on Thursday evenings and at weekends.

Bruxelles 9062. As mentioned above this car should be running very soon. Having been fitted with a new controller and air brake valve at No.2 end and received a fresh coat of paint outside and in this car now looks very smart and ready to play a major part once again in the daily operation of the Summerlee Tramway.

DEPOT

Members are requested to check the Mail Box and read the notices whenever they are in the depot. A new pump has been installed in the pits to try to keep them drier.

RAILWAY

Narrow gauge lines have now been laid into the coal mine for hutches.

SITE CONSTRUCTION

The coal mine is now almost complete and will be open to visitors very soon. The smaller miners' row is structurally complete and awaits fitting out. The other row will be wind and water tight by the end of March and the top floor will house the staff at present in the 'portacabins'.

MEMBERSHIP

Members who have not yet renewed for 1993 are reminded that their subscription should be paid as soon as possible.

CORRECTIONS

Readers were quick to point out a few errors in 'Trolley' No.6; on page 7 'Cunarder' 1297 is in fact 'Coronation' 1245 and on page 13 'celestial' should read 'clerestory' - sorry Bill!

COMING SOON

In 'Trolley' No.8 (April)

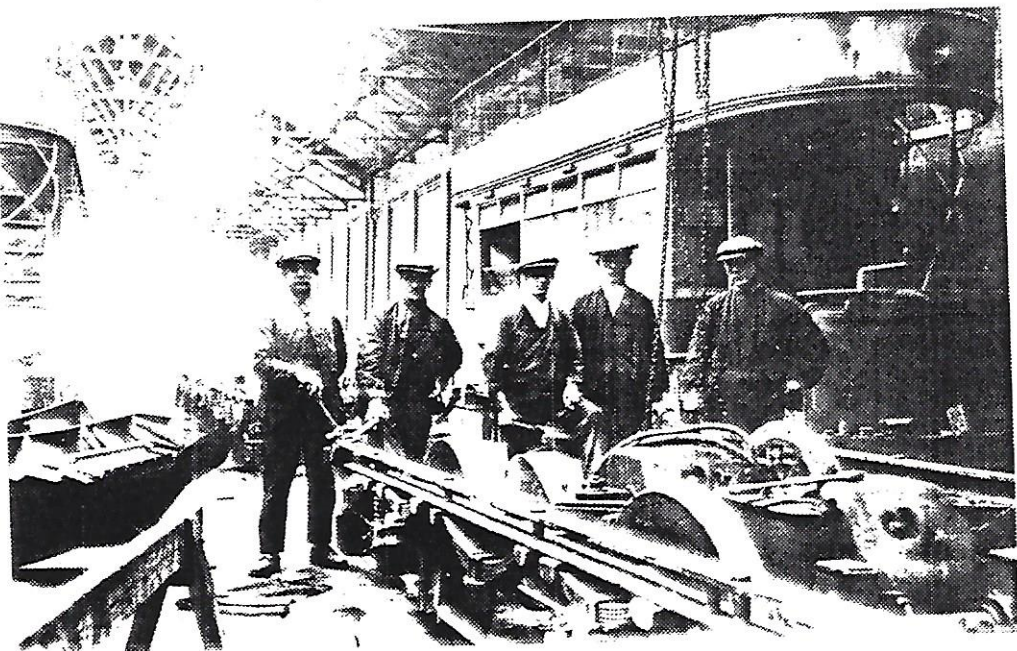
British Heritage Tramway update
Museum Reports - Black Country and
East Anglia.
Cockermouth Toy Museum by Bill
Tollan.

' LANARKSHIRE ' S TRAMS '

This book which is being published by N.B.Traction for Summerlee will appear in mid-May. See enclosed leaflet for the pre-publication offer of £1 off.

ITEMS FOR SALE

GCT 1962 Motor Bus Fleet Lists (illustrated)
ONLINE videos - Glasgow Trams & Subway.
All available from the Group stall or contact Jim
Wilson or Brian Longworth for more details.



No.53 is in the background of this view taken in Traction House in the early 1920s.



From Summerlee's archive - a Sunday School outing to Drumpellier in 1905.

1993 TOUR

Please see the enclosed questionnaire for options for this year's tour.

The Glasgow & Clyde Valley Bus Group are considering a trip to the Gateshead Bus Rally. Please contact the Editor for more details.

MEMBERS' DIARY

March 4	7.30pm	Annual General Meeting - Summerlee.
April 1	7.30pm	Clyde Steamers by D.Hammond - Summerlee.
May 6	7.30pm	Subject to be confirmed - Summerlee.

Gary C Conn
Summerlee Transport Group
February 1993