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Geoff,

Thanks for the email the other day, enclosing a photo of Mr. Collett. It is somewhat similar to a later photo of a staff group at the same building.

While looking for another former employee today, I came across a reference to your Grandfather, in the ESCo employees register. It was in the Inspectors section, but at the bottom of the list. I would suspect it was added by someone after he left, as an afterthought. I would not expect to have found him formally listed.

It said "Mr. H. Collett 1911 Supt. 1922 (when left) with a note that he had resigned and "went into business". It was in blue pencil, rather than ink, as most of the other entries were. I also noted a blue pencil entry against a conductor who had died in 1925.

Alan Bradley, our historian has given me some notes regarding the photograph.

> The photo was taken at the large tramway building at the corner of Sturt &
> Grenville Sts (at the end of the Sturt St median strip), which was built
in
> 1907 and removed in 1923. The picture could have been taken at any time
> during Mr Collett's service (which ended in 1922) and I cannot date it
more
> precisely.
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> You may be interested in some further information I found in the
transcript
> of the 1912 Arbitration hearings. Witness Alfred Davey stated that when a
> charge was laid against an employee a notice was posted in the Grenville
St
> office, listing the employee's number and directing him to attend the
office
> of the superintendent, Mr Collett. A report would be read out to him and
he
> would be asked for an explanation. If that was unsatisfactory he could be
> suspended or dismissed. There was no opportunity to call witnesses.
> Various examples were given of the penalties given, presumably by Mr
> Collett.
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The person who I looked up was dismissed for driving a tramcar beyond a point where he should have and collided with another tramcar. No doubt Mr. Collett saw him at the office.

I have attached two photos, one of another group at the shelter and one taken showing the shelter in its location at the east end of Sturt

1994
1996

St.

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Best regards,
Warren

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