The Address dealt in some detail with the problems of transporting the large items of equipment now being manufactured, and emphasized the fact that any gross weight of 150 tons or over (equivalent net weight of approximately 100 tons) requires a special order from the Ministry of Transport. Before being granted, the matter has to go through the legal and routing sections of the Ministry who, in turn, consult local highway and bridge authorities over the entire proposed route. Such an investigation takes many months to complete, and the full co-operation of the manufacturer and user is necessary in order to avoid unnecessary requests for special orders, otherwise the Ministry's limited department would not be able to meet the demand. As an example, temporary storage involving two special licences should be avoided at all costs.

Reference was made to methods of packing for shipment, particularly the modern method of “cocooning.” This involves covering the entire item with a plastic protective coating which is sprayed on to and completely seals the item of equipment.

A tribute was paid to the teams of erection engineers on site, and an appeal was made for storage areas and craneage to be made available and civil engineering work to be sufficiently advanced so that the erection of equipment can be carried out on similar lines to a well-run factory.

Following the Address, films of transporting heavy equipment mainly in the South Wales area were shown, including one made by the South Wales Division of the Central Electricity Authority of a 60 MW stator being moved from Abergavenny to Carmarthen Bay power station.

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