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CANAL STORES CRANE - NAAS HARBOUR

Until quite recently a heap of rusting metal lying in the corner of the Canal Stores Jetty yard, “the Grand Old Lady of the Grand Canal”, as she is affectionately known, now stands proud at the Harbour Stores after restoration. Manufactured in Liverpool by the marine engineering company, Fawcett and Sons, it played a central role in the industrial activity of the Harbour from the late 1700’s. During the heyday of the harbour in the mid 1800’s, 5000 tons of material passed through each year. The restored Crane now provides a focal point for the harbour area and is a reminder of an industrial past now gone but not forgotten.