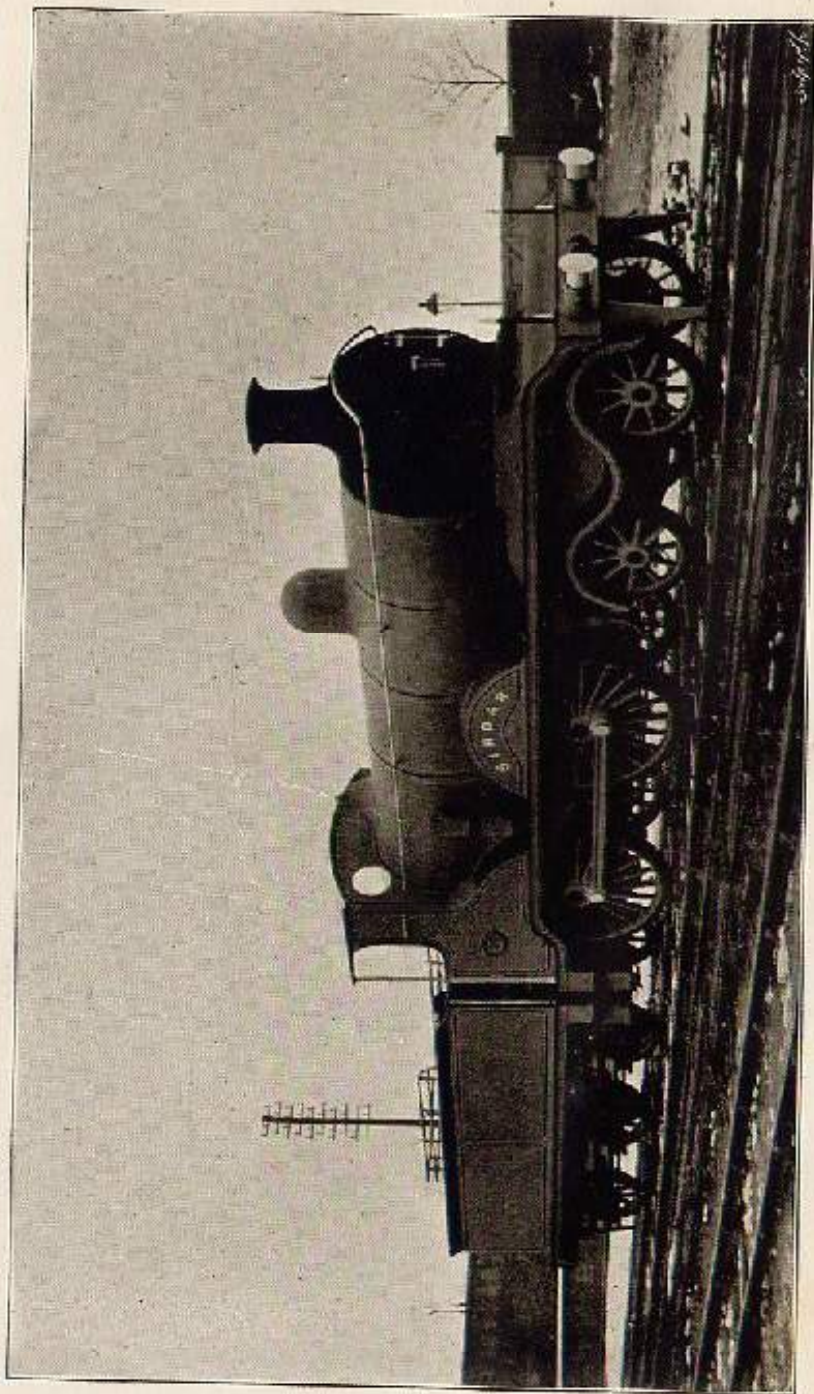


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INTRODUCTION.

SO far back as the year 1825 an association was formed in London called the Surrey, Sussex, Hants, Wilts and Somerset Railroad Company, the object of which was to construct a line from London to Brighton, thence to Shoreham, Portsmouth and Southampton, and thence again to Warminster and the Bristol coalfields, through Salisbury, the capital of the proposed company being £1,400,000. Nothing more, however, was heard of this high-sounding undertaking, but others soon followed.

"Whereas the making a railway, commencing at or near Croydon in the county of Surrey, and terminating by a junction with the London and Greenwich Railway at or near Corbet's Lane, in the parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, in the said county, would be of great public advantage, by opening an additional, certain, and expeditious communication between the Metropolis and the town of Croydon, and the several intermediate and adjacent places, and also as a means of facilitating the