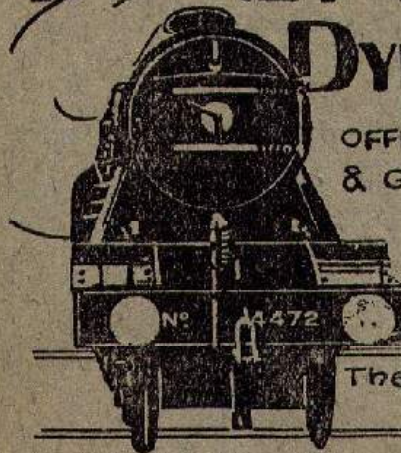


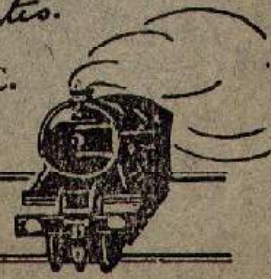


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A few particulars of the Light Railway, which is a replica of one of the big British railways, will be of interest.

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Jesson	938	2 08	5 23	938	1208	2 18	3 38	5 38	8 18
Dymchurch	945	2 15	5 30	945	1215	2 25	3 45	5 45	8 25
Burmarsh	950	2 20	5 35	950	1220	2 30	3 50	5 50	8 30
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Hythe	1200	4 30	6 00	1030	1 00	2 50	4 30	7 00	9 00
Burmarsh	1210	4 40	6 10	1040	1 10	3 00	4 40	7 10	9 10
Dymchurch	1215	4 45	6 15	1045	1 15	3 05	4 45	7 15	9 15
Jesson	1222	4 52	6 22	1052	1 20	3 10	4 52	7 22	9 22
Littlestone	1230	5 00	6 30	1100	1 25	3 20	5 00	7 30	9 30
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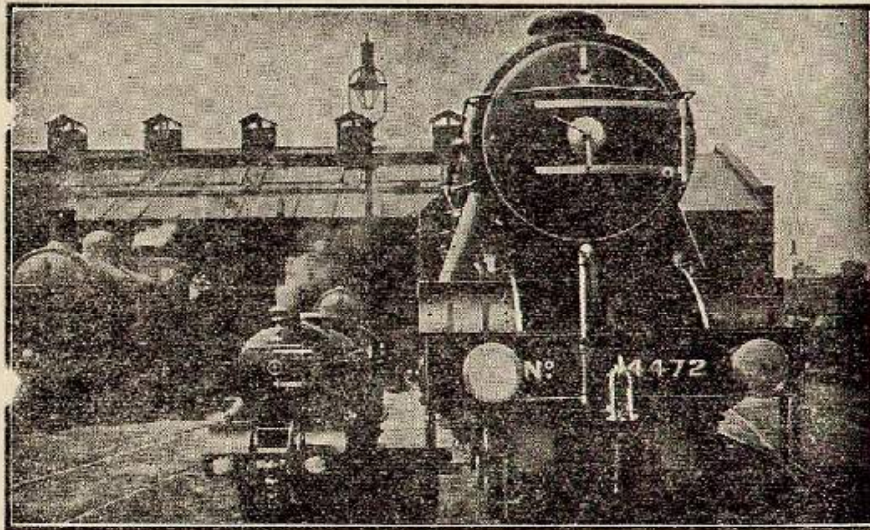
and is used for hauling trains, the driver being entirely enclosed from the elements. During the tests carried out by Captain Howey (the owner of the Railway, under whose personal supervision the adaptation of the Rolls Royce and the transmission gear was carried out) the wonderful speed of 60.2 miles per hour was achieved, easily and smoothly, hauling four coaches containing 48 passengers.

COACHING STOCK.

The new saloon coaches, which are now in use on the Light Railway, are 15ft. long, 3ft. 6in. wide and 5ft. 6in. high, from the rails, and are painted green and cream and carry four people to each compartment, eight to a saloon. The seats are well sprung and covered with tapestry. All the coach work and upholstery are by the Hythe Cabinet Works, a local firm. The other stock running is of the closed-in bogie coach type and follow the lines of an ordinary passenger coach with a separate door to each compartment. They are steam heated and fitted with electric light.

The question of finding a satisfactory brake for this miniature railway presented some difficulty but the Vacuum Brake Co. made a special

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TRAFFIC CONTROL.

The standard practice of main line railways is installed on the Light Railway with signal boxes and semaphore arms. There are signal boxes at Dymchurch, Greatstone Dunes, Dungeness and Hythe and Littlestone. The latter two each have 17 levers, and all are connected by phone. The frames were designed and made by the Company's Works Department at Littlestone. Three turn-tables, each 30ft. long, are installed at Hythe Dymchurch and Littlestone Stations.

WORKSHOPS.

At Littlestone are situated the main depôt and the offices. It consists of a locomotive shed 80ft. by 21ft. capable of holding nine locomotives with steam resisting plant and oil stores. Annexed to this is the erecting and machine shop, with forge, power-house and accumulator room. Also there are two carriage sheds and a carriage workshop.

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