

*D. S. Linders St (2)*

COMMISSIONERS' TOUR OF INSPECTION..

DROUIN TO HALLAM.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1958. Train departs Spencer Street  
(No. 8 Platform) at 8.40am.

COMMISSIONERS TOUR OF INSPECTION DROUIN TO HALLAM.

WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH, 1958.

PERSONNEL.

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mr. E. H. Brownbill  | Chairman                            |
| Mr. N. Quail         | Commissioner                        |
| Mr. A. C. Brown      | Outdoor Asst. to C.T.M.             |
| Mr. L. A. Reynolds   | Chief Civil Engineer                |
| Mr. A. C. Stockley   | Chief Electrical Engineer           |
| Mr. A. Cobham        | Claims Agent                        |
| Mr. P. E. Cooper     | Auditor of Revenue                  |
| Mr. J. Clarke        | District Superintendent             |
| Mr. E. T. Stephenson | Metro. District Rolling Stock Supt. |
| Mr. D. W. Todd       | Acting District Engineer            |
| Mr. G. L. Rayment    | Commissioners' Secretary            |
| Mr. C. J. Warrener   | Tour Clerk.                         |

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TRAIN STAFF

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| DRIVER    | F. Donnelly |
| FIREMAN   | A. R. Doak  |
| GUARD     | J. McInnery |
| CONDUCTOR | J. Freeland |
| STEWARD   | E. Hallett  |
| COOK      | T. Williams |

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WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH, 1958.

DUPLICATION.

1.

The position as regards the duplication of the Gippsland line between Dandenong and Warragul is as follows:-

Dandenong-Narre Warren: Double track with automatic signals in use to 'up' end of Narre Warren.

Narre Warren-Berwick: Single track with mechanical signalling in use. Earthworks completed for duplication. No work being done in this area at present.

Berwick-Pakenham: Double track with automatic signals in use to 'up' end of Pakenham. Work in hand on new buildings and platform at Pakenham. Pakenham yard trackwork is in hand.

Pakenham-Bunyip: Double track with automatic signals in use to 'up' end of Nar Nar Goon and from 'down' end of Nar Nar Goon to 'up' end of Bunyip. Nar Nar Goon buildings, island platform, and back road completed. To come into use when signalling completed - anticipated April 1958.

Bunyip-Longwarry: Single track with mechanical signalling in use to 'down' end of Longwarry.

Longwarry-Drouin: Double track with mechanical signalling in use to 'up' end of Drouin.

Drouin island platform, buildings and back road completed. Old buildings to be demolished. Signalling on hand. Completion anticipated by 31st May, 1958.

Drouin-Warragul: Double track with mechanical signalling in use.

DROUIN.

Mr. W. Wilson, Stationmaster, Class 6.

2.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |       | Wool Bales | Livestock  |               |            |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In    |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |       |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 14573           | 16604                      | 4125          | 16156 | 50         | 5          | 32            | 54         | 86            |
| 1955                 | 14159           | 16206                      | 3583          | 17406 | 66         | 4          | 18            | 23         | 51            |
| 1956                 | 18777           | 16342                      | 3850          | 20273 | 72         | 7          | 24            | 43         | 39            |
| 1957                 | 22014           | 75557                      | 5840          | 22077 | 81         | -          | 16            | 33         | 28            |

RAMP.

3.

In December, 1954 representations were made for the provision of a ramp from the overhead road bridge to the island platform, however in view of the cost of the bridge (£3,000) and the difficulties involved in staffing the barrier gates at the platform end of the ramp the request was declined.

(55/6681)  
(54/13837)

DROUIN (Contd.)

CATTLE SALES IN RAILWAY STOCKYARDS.

4.

As there are no municipal sale yards at Drouin the Shire of Buln Buln in September, 1954 enquired as to the possibility of using the railway cattle yards for the purpose of conducting sales. This was agreed to, but in March, 1955 the Shire again wrote and asked if Messrs. Scott and Co. of Warragul would be permitted to conduct the sales instead of the Council.

The Council was advised that there would be no objection to this under the same conditions as would be applicable to the Council except that Scott & Co, cannot be granted the sole right to conduct sales at the Drouin trucking yards, and if other applications were made for the use of these yards for this purpose the matter would be reviewed.

(54/9728)

COMPLETED.

5.

- 15.10.57 Repairs to trucking yards, using serviceable material released from the trucking yards at Nar Nar Goon.
- 4.10.57 Repairs to crane.
- 5.6.57 Fixing tile roof to new station building by contractor.

ELECTRICAL BRANCH MATTERS.

6.

New station building and platform - Work in hand almost electrical installation. complete.

LONGWARRY.

Mr. H.L. Gaylard, Stationmaster, Class 7.

7.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |       | Wool Bales | Livestock |        |         |        |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In    |            | Outwards  |        | Inwards |        |
|                      |                 |                            |               |       |            | Sheep     | Cattle | Sheep   | Cattle |
| 1954                 | 4622            | 6083                       | 1430          | 15147 | 51         | -         | 4      | 75      | 48     |
| 1955                 | 7216            | 7009                       | 2617          | 13892 | 173        | -         | 3      | 55      | 50     |
| 1956                 | 7035            | 6132                       | 2915          | 15169 | 223        | -         | 1      | 22      | 12     |
| 1957                 | 7924            | 13382                      | 2827          | 16429 | 255        | 1         | 1      | 45      | 10     |

RENOVATION OF STATION BUILDINGS.

8.

An application from the Stationmaster for renovation of the station buildings has been referred to the Chief Civil Engineer for course.

(W.W.2815/58)

LEASE OF LAND.

9.

Messrs. McGibbons and Sons towards the end of last year applied for the lease of certain railway land adjacent to the passenger platform for the establishment of a plumbers and tank makers' business. That lease was not recommended it being considered the site should be reserved for business premises which present a more pleasing appearance.

(16/543/1)

LONGWARRY (Contd.)

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS.

10.

Instructions have been issued for the provision of flashing light signals at P.C.R. crossing at 51M. 12 Ch. 53Lks. The work is listed for attention when circumstances permit.

(49/8006)

RAIL LINK BETWEEN LONGWARRY AND BAYLES.

11.

In June 1956 the Korumburra Chamber of Commerce wrote to the Honorable the Minister suggesting provision of certain new rail links including one between Longwarry and Bayles. The matter was also mentioned to the Commissioners at Korumburra on tour in July, 1956 when the deputation was informed that the Parliamentary Public Works Committee is the authority which defines the route of any railway, but that in the opinion of the Commissioners the line suggested was not justified and would definitely be non-paying.

(56/6594)

COMPLETED.

12.

1.12.57 Pedestrian footbridge at station.

-- D.R.442 - Light in portable.

BUNYIP.

Mr. P.E.T. Anderson, Stationmaster, Class 8.

13.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |      | Wool Bales | Livestock |        |         |        |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|------|------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In   |            | Outwards  |        | Inwards |        |
|                      |                 |                            |               |      |            | Sheep     | Cattle | Sheep   | Cattle |
| 1954                 | 5011            | 10006                      | 1140          | 3282 | 42         | 5         | 41     | 103     | 23     |
| 1955                 | 3868            | 10579                      | 402           | 2516 | 82         | 1         | 46     | 84      | 18     |
| 1956                 | 3830            | 10334                      | 274           | 2472 | 117        | 1         | 59     | 68      | 10     |
| 1957                 | 5554            | 22003                      | 405           | 2823 | 38         | 4         | 31     | 41      | 7      |

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

14.

In September, 1956 the local Progress Association sought permission to provide a children's playground on land which is leased to the Shire of Berwick for beautification purpose.

It was considered undesirable for children to play in proximity to railway facilities and the request was refused.

(56/9415)

LONGWARRY (Contd.)

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS.

15.

Representations both on tour and by letter have been made at various times for a warning device to be installed at the level crossing, at the 'up' end of the station, but after inspections by Level Crossing Committee the requests have been refused, as it was considered that if reasonable care is exercised by roadusers the crossing is safe.

On 19/6/57 the Bunyip Progress Association made representations for improvement of the pedestrian crossing at this location in view of the opinion that a warning device was not necessary.

On 27/8/57 the Secretary for Railways replied to the Progress Association as follows :-

"With reference to your letter of 19th June regarding the pedestrian crossing at the Bunyip level crossing, it is considered that the existing posts adequately protect pedestrians within 7 feet of the outer rails of the tracks, which is the limit of this Department's responsibility in connexion with the crossing.

The construction of pathways beyond those limits is a matter for the local Council."

(52/7591)  
(56/7461)  
(57/6548)

D.R. 237.

16.

Instructions were issued recently for provision of a rotary clothes hoist at D.R. 237.

to  
Although it is not the policy to provide these facilities, approval was given in this case as there is insufficient yard space for a normal clothes line.

(W.W.13750/57)

D.R. 3199.

17.

A request for a light at the front entrance of D.R. 3199 has been refused.

(W.W.15582/57)

COMPLETED.

18.

- D.R. 237 - 2 No. G.P.O's.
- Repairs to platform lighting.

GARFIELD.

Mr. F.G. Tighe, Asst. Stationmaster, Class 5.  
Jnr. Stn. Asst. N. Christofides.

19.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |      | Wool Bales | Livestock     |                  |               |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|------|------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In   |            | Outwards      |                  | Inwards       |                  |
|                      |                 |                            |               |      |            | Sheep<br>Pigs | Cattle<br>Horses | Sheep<br>Pigs | Cattle<br>Horses |
| 1954                 | 5104            | 11492                      | 1193          | 1752 | 29         | 2             | 3                | 12            | 17               |
| 1955                 | 6487            | 11932                      | 1344          | 1264 | 47         | -             | 5                | 6             | 6                |
| 1956                 | 3399            | 11174                      | 68            | 1496 | 48         | -             | -                | 15            | 1                |
| 1957                 | 4505            | 22748                      | 189           | 1597 | 59         | -             | 4                | 7             | 2                |

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GARFIELD (Contd.)

SHELTER ON DOWN SIDE.

20.

On tour in March, 1957 representations were made to the Commissioners that a shelter and waiting room be provided on the 'down' platform.

The Commissioners stated that the very light traffic did not justify the expenditure involved in making such provision, but that arrangements would be made that when it rains the van goods shed would be made available for use as a shelter for passengers waiting to leave the platform.

Arrangements have been made accordingly.  
(57/2465)

REINSTATEMENT OF ROADS.

21.

The Shire of Berwick has forwarded for Departmental approval plans for reinstatement (a) Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry road and south approach to the overpass and (b) Railway Avenue and north approach to the overpass.

The matter is in course.  
(57/5510)

DRAINAGE.

22.

During the progress of duplication work, it was necessary to alter drainage at Garfield and arrangements were made with the Shire of Berwick to utilize certain Council drainage facilities, the Department to replace an existing 15" earthenware pipe drain approximately 183 ft long at the rear of shops in Main Street with 24" pipes.

The Council has agreed to carry out the work for the Department and the necessary pipes were supplied to the Council 1/2/58.

(57/5056)

D.R. 2481.

23.

A request for provision of a power point in the front bedroom of D.R. 2481 has been refused.

Instructions have been issued for relocation of a power point in the kitchen.

(W.W.11132/57)

COMPLETED.

24.

30/8/57 Provision of gateway and road approach to the cart weighbridge at western end of yard.

30/3/57 Installation of electric light at the entrance to the subway.

1/4/57 Levelling of area between the end of the 'up' platform and the pedestrian subway for use as a car park for rail travellers.

-- D.R. 2481 - G.P.O.

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TYNONG.

Sta. Assistant, K.L. McEwan. 25.  
Jnr. Sta. Assistant, S. LoBartolo.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |      | Wool Bales | Livestock  |               |            |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In   |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |      |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 3466            | 8074                       | 1023          | 1595 | 69         | 2          | 1             | 8          | 6             |
| 1955                 | 8944            | 7445                       | 2991          | 1559 | 60         | -          | 4             | 3          | 10            |
| 1956                 | 2372            | 8496                       | 269           | 1520 | 67         | -          | -             | 4          | 12            |
| 1957                 | 1949            | 10138                      | 33            | 1540 | 11         | -          | -             | 7          | 5             |

NOISE OF RAILWAY OPERATIONS.

26.

On 20th April, 1956 the Tynong Progress Association complained of the noise of railway operations near the local telephone exchange and on 1st June, 1956 the Secretary for Railways replied as follows:-

"I desire to say that a certain amount of noise is unavoidable when trains are passing over points and crossings, and a recent inspection which has been made of the 'V' crossing to which you refer shows that it is in good order.

The crossing will, of course, be removed when the re-arrangement of the Tynong station yard is completed.

The whistle post which you also mention is provided to ensure that adequate warning is given by 'up' trains approaching the level crossing at the Western end of the Tynong station, and we regret that we cannot agree to remove it from its present position."

(56/4230)

PROVISION OF P.C.R. CROSSING ON DOWN SIDE AND WARNING SIGNAL AT UP SIDE OF CROSSING.

27.

On 11.5.50 on tour at Tynong the Commissioners were interviewed by members of the local Progress Association who urged that a crossing be provided at the Down end of the station and a warning signal installed at the level crossing at the Up end.

The Commissioners said they could not agree to the provision of a crossing at the Down end as it would be dangerous because of the extremely limited view of approaching trains, and they would have the crossing at the Up end inspected to ascertain whether there was any change since the matter was previously reviewed. On 15.8.50 the Secretary for Railways advised the Progress Association. "Our Level Crossing Committee has inspected the crossing and advises that the provision of flashing light signals is not warranted. The Committee states, however, that the roaduser's view of down trains on the station side of the crossing would be improved by cutting back to ground level for the full width of the roadway from the crossing to a point approximately 200 feet on the Melbourne side of it, the ti-tree scrub growing on an unused roadway on that side of the line".

The Shire of Berwick was requested to have this scrub cut back and this was done.

(Continued)

(57/11430)

TYNONG (Contd.)

COMPLETED. 30.

16/5/57 Provision of a radiator in the S.M's office.

ELECTRICAL BRANCH MATTERS. 31.

New station building and platform - Building not completed,  
light and power. electrical work almost complete.

NAR NAR GOON.

Mr. L.R. Bowles, Stationmaster, Class 8. 32.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |      | Wool Bales | Livestock  |               |            |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In   |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |      |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 2013            | 10491                      | 44            | 1940 | 101        | -          | -             | 62         | 28            |
| 1955                 | 2768            | 17822                      | 164           | 1887 | 135        | -          | 1             | 34         | 84            |
| 1956                 | 3173            | 19591                      | 198           | 2004 | 127        | 2          | 9             | 22         | 57            |
| 1957                 | 4208            | 17574                      | 573           | 2011 | 86         | 3          | 10            | 24         | 37            |

HAND SET TELEPHONE. 33.

The telephone business transacted does not warrant the expense of installing a hand-set telephone, and a request by the Stationmaster for this facility was declined.  
(16/684/2)

CLOTHES LOCKER, ETC. 34.

A request for the provision of a steel clothes locker, a stainless steel sink and a partition in the station office is being investigated.  
(16/684/3)

LEASE OF LAND. 35.

An application made in June, 1957, by the Potato Growers for the lease of land on which it was proposed to erect a weighbridge was refused as it was considered that the weighbridge would be used to weigh goods etc. which would not be despatched by rail, as is the case with similar weighbridges at Koo-Wee-Rup and Thorpdale.  
(16/684/1)

COMPLETED. 36.

20/9/57 Provision of earth filled ramp at the goods platform.

10/2/58 Repairs to roadway and sealing of footpath at level crossings.

--- D.R. 3214 - G.P.O.

--- D.R. 232 - 2 G.P.O's.

28/3/57 Clearance of waterway under bridge at 39M. 1Ch.

NAR NAR GOON (Contd.)

ELECTRICAL BRANCH MATTERS.

37.

New station and platform - light and power - Electrical work in progress building not completed.

PAKENHAM.

Mr. W. D. Duncombe, Stationmaster, Class 7.

38.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |      | Wool Bales | Livestock  |               |            |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In   |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |      |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 5486            | 22734                      | 442           | 4204 | 71         | 6          | 10            | 97         | 40            |
| 1955                 | 6412            | 38365                      | 279           | 5139 | 125        | 36         | 9             | 175        | 112           |
| 1956                 | 6804            | 36273                      | 335           | 5757 | 121        | 14         | 14            | 79         | 65            |
| 1957                 | 7145            | 39251                      | 305           | 5609 | 105        | 6          | 9             | 63         | 77            |

HEATING OF NEW STATION BUILDINGS.

39.

The Stationmaster, who made application in November last in regard to heating to be provided in the new station buildings, has been informed that electrical heating has been included in the plans approved by the Commissioners. (W.W.16263/57)

BICYCLE ACCOMMODATION.

40.

Accommodation for bicycles has not been provided in the plans for the new station buildings, but as up to 30 of these machines are left at this station under cloak room conditions each day, the Chief Civil Engineer has been requested to include accommodation for 40 bicycles in the plans, such accommodation to be approximately five feet on the 'down' side of the van shed. (16/742/5)

SHED SITE - D. J. WILLIAMSON.

41.

Mr. D. J. Williamson made application in September last, for the lease of a shed site in the station yard located on No. 4 road, the general goods discharging road.

The Chief Traffic Manager advised the Estate Officer on 2/10/57 that there is no objection, so far as the Traffic Branch is concerned, to the granting of the lease subject to the usual conditions, and the following additional conditions (1) that the building be erected at least 10 feet from the stock yards, and to be constructed to approved standard with suitable disposal of rain water, (2) standard clearance to be observed, (3) on any occasion that it is necessary to reverse loading to place trucks at the site a shunting charge of 6/- for each four wheeled truck and 12/- for each bogie trucks - minimum 12/- maximum 24/- should be imposed (4) live stock traffic to be given priority over traffic for Mr. Williamson.

(16/742/2)

PAKENHAM (Contd.)

PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY.

42.

On 11/11/57 the Shire of Berwick wrote expressing concern at the fact that no provision is being made for a pedestrian subway or footbridge in the plans for proposed alterations at Pakenham.

The matter has been investigated, and it is considered that the traffic at this station does not warrant such facilities. However, consideration is being given to the provision of gates where the proposed pedestrian pathway crosses the line, the gates to be manned on race-days and at other times when traffic is heavy.

It is proposed to inform the Shire accordingly.  
(57/2467)

FLOOD LIGHTS AT CROSSING.

43.

On tour on 16.10.53 representations were made to the Commissioners by the Shire Secretary and Mr. F. Brown of the local Progress Association that flood lights be erected at the Main Street crossing, as it was considered such lighting would assist to minimise possible accidents.

The Commissioners pointed out that the crossing was already protected by flashing light signals which give adequate warning of approaching trains and the Level Crossing Committee had inspected the location and considered the conditions did not warrant the provision of flood lighting. In the circumstances, the request could not be acceded to.

(53/11231)

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

44.

In March 1956, the question of installation of a fire plug near the three departmental residences was under review.

It was subsequently ascertained that adequate fire protection facilities were to be included in a general re-arrangement of the water services at Pakenham rendered necessary by the duplication of the Gippsland line.

(53/7178)

COMPLETED.

45.

17/7/57 Filling in of ashpit at up end.

ELECTRICAL BRANCH MATTERS.

46.

New station and platform - Work in progress; building not complete, electrical installation.

OFFICER.

Mrs. M.E. Dalton, Caretaker, Class 3.

47.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |     | Wool Bales | Livestock  |               |            |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In  |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |     |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 968             | 5733                       | 57            | 375 | 86         | 2          | 2             | 26         | 5             |
| 1955                 | 1464            | 10477                      | 238           | 265 | 29         | -          | -             | 8          | -             |
| 1956                 | 1068            | 9978                       | 64            | 195 | 22         | -          | -             | 3          | -             |
| 1957                 | 1073            | 11998                      | 30            | 225 | **         | -          | -             | 2          | 1             |

OFFICER (Contd.)

FACILITIES FOR UNLOADING LIVESTOCK.

48.

"On tour on 7th March 1957 representations were made to the Commissioners by Mr. T.G.Mather, grazier that facilities be provided for unloading livestock from trucks. He pointed out that before the station was moved to its present position facilities were available for loading or unloading livestock, but now there was no way of discharging stock from the trucks to the ground.

The Commissioners pointed out that very little stock was received at Officer and facilities were available within a reasonable distance at Pakenham and Berwick. However, the Department would be prepared to construct the facings for an earthen ramp from the goods platform if local interests supply and spread the filling. This would enable stock to be discharged from trucks on to the goods platform and then driven down the ramp. If required a long gang board would be supplied to facilitate the discharge of sheep from the upper tiers of sheep trucks. Mr. Mather promised to advise whether local interests are prepared to do this."

No further advice has been received.  
(57/2684)

COMPLETED.

49.

12/7/57 Provision of an electric radiator in S.M's office.

5/8/57 Improvement to view at level crossing.

BEACONSFIELD.

Mrs. R.M.Kearney, Caretaker, Class 2.

50.

Mrs. M.D.Ford, Caretaker, Class 3.

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|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In  |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |     |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 2211            | 6564                       | 826           | 431 | 30         | -          | 2             | 14         | -             |
| 1955                 | 2105            | 23876                      | 113           | 481 | -          | -          | -             | 1          | 37            |
| 1956                 | 1760            | 20276                      | -             | 381 | -          | -          | -             | -          | -             |
| 1957                 | 2079            | 22452                      | 2             | 408 | -          | -          | -             | 3          | 2             |

ADDITIONAL ENTRANCE TO STATION.

51.

On tour in March, 1957 representations were made to the Commissioners that an additional entrance to the station be provided from the south side of the line. It was stated that although there is an underpass carrying Cardinia Creek and a roadway under the line this is quickly flooded following heavy rain.

An inspection of the area was made but as very few people would be effected, and there is a road leading to the level crossing at the 'down' end of the station, it was considered there would be no justification for the provision of pedestrian access to the platform from the south side of the line and the request was declined.

(57/2431)

BEACONSFIELD (Contd.)

BUS SHELTER.

52.

On 29/5/57 the Beaconsfield Upper Progress Association wrote seeking permission to erect a bus shelter outside the passenger entrance at the Beaconsfield station.

The Secretary for Railways replied on 22/8/57 pointing out that it was not customary to permit unincorporate bodies such as a Progress Association to construct facilities on railway property and suggesting that the matter be taken up with the Berwick Council with a view to that body accepting the usual conditions, particulars of which were outlined in the letter.

Nothing further has been heard from the Progress Association.

(Papers on tour)

(57/5528)

COMPLETED.

53.

6/3/57 Provision of power point and radiator in the station office.

-- D.R.227 - G.P.O in wash-house.

ELECTRICAL BRANCH MATTERS.

54.

New station and platform - Almost complete.  
electrical installation.

BERWICK.

Mr. R.E.Cruickshank, Stationmaster, Class 8.

55.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |      | Wool Bales | Livestock  |               |            |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In   |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |      |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 2193            | 17429                      | 26            | 1049 | 32         | 4          | 8             | 6          | 27            |
| 1955                 | 3969            | 33989                      | 633           | 934  | 18         | -          | 15            | 11         | 34            |
| 1956                 | 4058            | 30173                      | 113           | 941  | 20         | 9          | 7             | 16         | 12            |
| 1957                 | 4134            | 31778                      | 171           | 1410 | 30         | 15         | 16            | 2          | 5             |

ELECTRIC KETTLE.

56.

A request for provision of an electric kettle has been approved by the Commissioners, and the papers were referred to the Chief Electrical Engineer on 2/9/57 to arrange accordingly.

(16/94/1)

PURCHASE OF LAND.

57.

On 13.5.55, a Mr. E.C.Henry enquired regarding the purchase of an area of railway land adjoining property owned by Mrs. Henry on the North side of line up side of Clyde Road crossing. On 9.6.55 the Chairman advised him that on completion of departmental works in the vicinity of the land, the requisite governmental consent to the sale of about two acres of land, would be obtained and details of area forwarded to him.

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BERWICK (Contd.)

PURCHASE OF LAND. (Contd.)

57.

Due to restriction of loan funds, the rate of progress of works at Berwick was not as planned and on 13.11.56 Mr. Henry was again written to, advised accordingly and assured his application had been recorded and the sale of the land would be taken up with him as soon as possible.

(55/5060)

LEVEL CROSSING.

58.

At Berwick on tour on 7/3/57 the Commissioners were asked to provide flashing light signals at the level crossing but investigation disclosed that there was no justification for the installation of flashing lights at this stage.

(57/2681)

RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY.

59.

The Shire of Berwick has arranged a contract for reconstruction of portion of the Berwick-Cranbourne Road, including the level crossing, which was disturbed in the course of duplication work.

The cost of the work (which is in hand) £1,860 will be borne by this Department.

(57/5608)

ELECTRICAL BRANCH MATTERS.

60.

New station and platform - Electrical work pending completion  
electrical installation of building.

NARRE WARREN.

Mr. W.A. Grant, Stationmaster, Class 8.

61.

| Year<br>Ended<br>30th<br>June | Total<br>Revenue<br>£ | Outward<br>Passenger<br>Journeys | Total Tonnage |      | Wool<br>Bales | Livestock     |                  |               |                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
|                               |                       |                                  | Out           | In   |               | Outwards      |                  | Inwards       |                  |
|                               |                       |                                  |               |      |               | Sheep<br>Pigs | Cattle<br>Horses | Sheep<br>Pigs | Cattle<br>Horses |
| 1954                          | 959                   | 3699                             | 27            | 1313 | 15            | -             | 12               | 30            | 59               |
| 1955                          | 1185                  | 7775                             | 49            | 1006 | 36            | -             | 18               | 30            | 122              |
| 1956                          | 1331                  | 6949                             | 32            | 1102 | 9             | 3             | 22               | 34            | 119              |
| 1957                          | 1197                  | 7424                             | 5             | 1189 | 9             | -             | 11               | 39            | 109              |

COMPLETED.

62.

14/9/57 Provision of an electric kettle in the station office.

13/6/57 Provision of a heavy duty transport ramp.

WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH, 1958.

HALLAM.

Mrs. R.E.Canny, Caretaker, Class 3.

63.

| Year Ended 30th June | Total Revenue £ | Outward Passenger Journeys | Total Tonnage |    | Wool Bales | Livestock  |               |            |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|----|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                      |                 |                            | Out           | In |            | Outwards   |               | Inwards    |               |
|                      |                 |                            |               |    |            | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses | Sheep Pigs | Cattle Horses |
| 1954                 | 155             | 2215                       | -             | 36 | -          | -          | -             | 9          | 2             |
| 1955                 | 222             | 4226                       | -             | 36 | -          | -          | -             | -          | -             |
| 1956                 | 282             | 4658                       | -             | 6  | -          | -          | -             | -          | -             |
| 1957                 | 298             | 5061                       | -             | 4  | -          | -          | -             | -          | -             |

FLASHING LIGHTS.

64.

Approval has been given to the abolition of the gates at Hallam level crossing and provision of flashing lights.

Staff is not available for the work at present.  
(57/12070)

DRAINAGE OF PROPERTY.

65.

On 30th May, 1956, Mrs. B. Johnston complained of damage to her property at Hallam by faulty drainage, and on 7th September 1956 the Secretary for Railways wrote to her as follows:-

"I have to inform you that at the time the railway was constructed, this Department erected a bridge over a natural watercourse which discharged drainage from the North to the South side of the line.

Subsequently, in order to divert drainage from this watercourse, a drain was constructed, not by this Department, along the Northern and Western boundaries of your property.

In the circumstances, my Commissioners cannot be held responsible for any flooding caused by such diversion, but it is understood that your property would receive considerable protection if the drains thereon were cleaned."

(56/5679)

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