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Vehicles in Traffic at Whitehead

LMS NCC

"North Atlantic" brake third No.91
Composite No.68
Thirds 238 & 241
Dining Car 87
Bogie brake 411

GS&WR

First No.1142
Half saloon No.1097

GNR(I)

Saloon No.50
Open third No.9
Open brake third 114

Vehicles in Traffic at Mullingar

CIÉ

Open brake third 1915
Open thirds 1469, 1483, 1419
Dining car 2422

GSR

Third No.1335

GNR(I)

Dining car No.88

Holiday Traffic

Visitors to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum's new rail gallery at Cultra will already have noticed a new exhibit. GNR(I) Director's saloon number 50 is on loan to the Museum for display over the winter months. This will be the first of many vehicles to be publicly displayed during our 'closed' season for

operations. The saloon will, of course, keep her insurance and railway company certificates up to date and be available for traffic duties, but it is most gratifying to see that our restoration work is praised in this way.

LMS Railcar No.1

For many years now it has been said of historic diesel vehicles "if people are so interested let them put their money where their mouths are" - and a syndicate of members led by Colin Smith and Alan McRobert have done just that. The RPSI is heavily committed to the restoration of loco hauled coaches to generate revenue on excursions in order to finance our work. Other projects are not forgotten, but sometimes are of necessity sidelined until funds become available.

Already the FRIENDS OF RAILCAR 1 have provided replacement exterior panelling, replacement engines and flooring. Anyone else interested in supporting this project may send a donation to:

Railcar No.1 Restoration
c/o Gavin Martin
RPSI C&W Officer
Whitehead Excursion Station
Castleview Road
Whitehead
County Antrim

The support group is currently engrossed in the long task of refurbishing the mechanical, electrical

and control systems. When Complete this historic vehicle will earn its keep shunting, brake and steam testing at Whitehead.

Work in Progress

LMS NCC third No.243 is nearing external completion, with the re-hanging of doors, application of decorative beading, glazing and painting remaining. Internally the coach will be refinished in the original style of mahogany stain followed by several coats of varnish.

CIÉ open brake number 1916 has had the majority of the structural repairs completed, and should be fitted out and back in traffic by early 1994. This coach has also had a diesel generator set fitted to provide a source of power when our train is stabled away from mains electricity, as is necessary for much of the Dublin "Summer Steam" Programme.

Work has been progressing slowly on 1333, 1328 and 255. These vehicles occupy a corner of the carriage shed and are now dry enough for the joinery team to assess properly the amount of structural woodwork needed.

GNR(I) first number 227 will be in traffic mid-1994, and will provide an increase in capacity for the 'first-class' charter market, which has shown a gratifying upturn in recent years. If you need a different vehicle for a product launch or exhibition, why not consider the RPSI vintage train? Cheaper and more atmospheric than many 'conference centres', more details can be had from the RPSI Information Line during office hours.

Dirty Weekends

Despite the apparent miracles being wrought at Mullingar, Whitehead, Heuston, Inchicore, Cultra and wherever else our coaches stable, there are still always jobs available for people of all skills and age groups. You don't need to be a craftsman with a lifetime's experience - anyone can learn a new skill, make new friends and even enjoy the active side of Railway Preservation.

Good Clean Fun

"I can't get to the depot"

"I don't have the time"

"I would like to help, but"

"I work shifts"

If this is the case then perhaps you could help with some of the research or paperwork side of the department? It's time consuming but interesting, and best of all can be done in odd hours at home.

Even if you simply support the RPSI by being a member and travelling on trains you are playing a vital role in helping us to continue into the next thirty years of railway preservation in Ireland.

Contact Numbers

Would you like to help? Would you like to visit the depots? Would you like to keep in touch with C&W Events?

Gavin Martin, Lisburn

Peter Emmett, Dublin